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THE CAMPUS PROJECT

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The world of revisionist activism is a world without guidelines. Every new step is an improvisation, an experiment. You probe here with one tactic, you probe there with another. When you do you exploit it with everything you have. You exploit it so long as that particular tactic works. When it stops working, you search for a new opening, a new weakness in the defenses of the other side. When you find it you develop a new tactic to exploit it.

In this kind of struggle you can not afford to be predictable. The Industry has all the money, all the press, all the professors and all the politicos. None of us can go head to head with the Industry. CODOH is in a guerilla war for intellectual freedom and all the political, religious and cultural implications that that ideal embraces. It's the great ideal at the heart of America, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

Every guerilla struggle faces the same situation – a small band of idealists struggling to overturn a great tyranny. That's what the Industry is, an agent for great cultural and military tyranny. It promotes and legitimates cultural tyranny in the nations of the West, and military tyranny in the Middle East. It is the work of CODOH, together with oth-

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JOHN SACK'S ESQUIRE ARTICLE:

Major Breakthrough – or More Revisionist Bashing?

George Brewer

In January of 2001, *Esquire* magazine published a nine-page, 7,000 word article on Holocaust revisionism written by John Sack, the well known Jewish journalist and author. Many of us have been aware that Sack had been preparing such an article for a year or more, so we looked forward to this piece with anticipation: how would Sack portray revisionism?

Would he follow the usual hate-mongering platitudes found in Lipstadt and other Holocaust hired guns? Or would Sack accurately describe the principles of Holocaust revisionism? These were questions of more than passing importance, since *Esquire* has an international circulation of about three-quarters of a million, and it is a certainty that Sack's piece will go a long way toward spreading the word about revisionists. But what kind of word would it be?

It turns out that Sack neither followed in the footsteps of the usual revisionist bashers, nor did he depict the bases of revisionism accurately. At the same time, his treatment, decent and respectful, creates the opportunity to open a lot of doors for outreach, outreach that is the special work of CODOH and CODOHWeb.

Background

John Sack is probably best known to the general public as one of the pioneers of what is called "literary journalism," a genre he helped inaugurate in the 1950's. It differs from ordinary journalism in the sense that it allows

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LETTERS

I am a journalism major at Mt. Hood Community College (OR). I want to thank you for upholding the pursuit of truth in our society. You offer to advertise in our paper was dismissed without discussion by my fellow students. I was outraged at the blatant lack of concern they had for whether or not your points in "Holocaust Studies" were valid. After reading through your advertisement, I was even more angered because their dismissal was based on thin air. I admired the reasonable and factual way in which your ideas were presented. (*name withheld at editor's discretion*)

Received the December issue of **SR**. Very good. Your story about the canal behind your house brought back memories. When I was still flying and laying over in some big city it occurred to me that someone could be paid to stick a knife in me – lift my billfold and the cops would call it robbery. I also half-expected to fail one of my annual proficiency checks. It isn't much fun living with the idea that our opponents can be pragmatic and ruthless both.

Harvey Taylor, CA.

Thank you for your "Seasons Greetings" letter, which touched my heart. Your letter is an example of humanity and its situations, which we all share. Five years can be a relatively uneventful, pleasant time, but then it can bring tremendous changes, difficulties, sorrows. You wrote a fine letter. I disagree with you on some important issues, but I want to help you because I wholeheartedly accept your statement (on page one) "... that something is very wrong with how the history of the 20th century has been structured for us...." I want to help you, simply, because of your devotion to the truth.

R.M., CA

Thank you for plugging my translation of the Himmler Posen speech in your catalog. The meaning of Himmler's use of the word "ausrotten" has been argued for forty years.

A very interesting use of the verb "ausrotten" appears in the German film KOLBERG, filming of which started in 1942 (not released until after the war). The action takes place during the Napoleonic wars. The film tells the true story of a small village which resisted Napoleon's armies when all the larger fortresses had surrendered.

In the film, the mayor of Kolberg, Joachim Nettelbeck, played by Heinrich George (tortured to death in Buchenwald by the Communists after the war) is discussing surrender with members of the town council. The mayor asks,

Was wurde aus einem Volk werden, das sagen wurde, komm Napoleon, du bist so viel mächtiger und staäker als un, komm und hersch über uns?

Nettelbeck then pounds the table and shouts, "Es wurde sich selbst ausrotten, und es wurde nichts besseres verdient haben, als ausgerottet zu werden!"

Translation: "What would happen to a people that said, come, Napoleon, you are so much more powerful and stronger than we are, come and rule over us? It would destroy itself, and it would deserve nothing better than to be destroyed!"

This hardly means that a people craven enough to surrender to Napoleon without fighting would build gas chambers for the purpose of "exterminating" itself.

Carlos W. Porter

The best deed done for mankind during the 20th century was Bradley Smith getting revisionism into our colleges. I hope the best deed done for mankind during the 21st century will be Bradley Smith getting revisionism into our churches. Dear readers: please send Bradley your suggestions as to how this can be done. B.K., AZ

I wonder if we could counter-flank our no access to campus publications' advertising by creating an ancillary Website as "Instant History" or some other appropriate handle – and go for one expensive advertisement in a mass-circulation publication? The visitor to this site then gets a "lead-on" to WWW.codoh.... – like Sherman's blitzkrieg through the South in your Civil War. I am pleased that we've got Brad – revisionism is not short of Chiefs, we need more Indians.

T.G., England

I usually, as matter of routine and conscience, discard this type of material. However, in your case I'll make an exception. Let me be clear. My role is as a primary spokesman for this institution. I am NOT responding in that role, although I am confident that the leadership of this institution would agree with my perspective, since it was founded on the best of Christian/Judeo principles. I am not as nearly concerned with those who may attempt to make an "industry" of the Holocaust as I am with those who attempt to subvert historical fact. As one who has personally interviewed soldiers who were among the first to enter slaughter houses like Auschwitz, I find the premise of your organization repugnant and unconscionable. Other than this brief statement, I will not validate your efforts in any other regard.

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I wrote Mr. McDade asking if he speaks Russian, but he didn't respond.

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for a significant intrusion of the author's personality, values, and thoughts into the piece being written, as opposed to regular journalism that simply attempts to state the facts. Sack was led to this genre during the Korean War, when the cognitive dissonance of what he was seeing and what he was being officially told made it impossible for him to continue to simply repeat the official version being fed to him. As a result, one might say that his discovery of "literary journalism" could be said to have sprung out of the same kind of tension reflected by Holocaust revisionism: an inability to square personal observations and logic with an official story.

To a certain extent there is nothing new about "literary journalism," inasmuch as most journalists of talent have tended to allow their personalities to intrude on what they write. But Sack took the process a step further, and in the 1960's, with several writings about the Vietnam War, developed the style that has been widely practiced by such well-known authors as Norman Mailer, Hunter Thompson, Joan Didion, and scores of others.

To revisionists, however, Sack is best known for his 1993 book, *An Eye For An Eye*, which described the horrible vengeance wreaked on innocent ethnic Germans by Holocaust survivors in Poland. As is becoming increasingly well-known, during the German expulsions, tens of thousands of German men, women, and children, were herded into concentration camps run mainly by Polish Jews and that thousands died there as a result of epidemics, starvation, systematic beatings, and random killings.

Eye For An Eye was remarkable, not only because it told of one of the dark sides of the postwar period, but also because it identified Jewish criminals. As a result, the book was mercilessly attacked by the usual run of Jewish apologists, who cannot bear to allow the publication of any Jewish sin for fear of fomenting anti-Semitism. Somewhat surprisingly, in 1996, Sack was invited to discuss the issue of Jewish persecution of Germans at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Shortly before his lecture, however, the board of that Museum, following its usual form of suppressing all reference to non-Jewish holocausts, cancelled the appearance.

Sack was determined to give his speech, and found that only revisionists would allow him a platform. Hence Sack's involvement with Holocaust revisionists. Sack attended revisionist conferences in Australia in 1998, spoke at David Irving's 1999 Real History convention in Cincinnati in 1999, and was invited to address the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) convention in May of 2000. It is that convention that forms the backdrop to Sack's article.

The Esquire Article

The article is entitled "Inside the Bunker" and Sack makes it clear from the outset that he is a complete believer in the traditional Holocaust story. In a manner that is sure to grate many revisionists, Sack calls all those who reject one scintilla of the Holocaust story as "deniers" and as "those who say the Holocaust didn't happen".

While the setting for the article was the convention held by the Institute of Historical Review (IHR) in Southern California last year, the proceedings of the conference get little attention. This is unfortunate because the conference -- the first sponsored by the IHR in several years -- featured most of the leading lights of revisionism, including Arthur Butz, Robert Faurisson, Mark Weber, Germar Rudolf, and others. Yet, instead of focusing on these individuals and the force of their arguments, Sack chose an anecdotal and impressionistic approach describing his conversations over meals with only a handful of revisionists, including the British historian Irving, retired historian Robert Countess, Ernst Zuendel and Ingrid Rimland, and above all, to Charles "Chuck" Provan.

The inclusion of Chuck Provan in an article about revisionists will surprise many. After all, it is well known that Provan ceased to be a revisionist after receiving a "revelation" from Saint Kurt Gerstein some ten years ago. Still, he was allowed to speak at the IHR convention, because, although he is a relentless self-promoter of his own research, he does do some good work and revisionists are inclined to recognize it.

The focus on Provan may have served a variety of authorial purposes for Sack. Certainly, the photo of Provan with a quorum of his ten children, several of them barefoot, was likely designed to inspire amusement to the high-toned readership of *Esquire*. In the same way, Sack was careful to mention that Provan, in addition to being a "revisionist," is also an author who had written extensively on supposed Biblical injunctions against birth control. Given the audience that *Esquire* appeals to, it seems clear that the emphasis on Provan was designed at least in part to make revisionists appear somewhat clown-like.

On the other hand, there was a good reason for Sack to promote Provan. Sack's sole engagement with revisionist arguments turned on the "holes in the roof" argument, one which has been extensively discussed on CODOHWeb in a series of brilliant analyses by the Canadian researcher Brian Renk. As we recall, David Irving had made an issue about the absence of these holes -- through which the poisonous Zyklon would have had to be inserted -- during his libel trial against Deborah Lipstadt. During those proceedings, Irving was able to get Robert Jan Van Pelt

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to state that the holes that were supposed to be in the roof of the crematoria "gas chambers" were no longer visible. Yet Sack, by leading with Provan, was able to trump the argument, because Provan at the convention handed out a homemade pamphlet arguing that the holes were in fact there.

The Positive Side

The apparent use of Provan to make Holocaust revisionists look ridiculous, along with Provan's unsteady status as a "revisionist" in the first place, combined with the endorsement of Provan's even shakier arguments about the holes in the roof, have led several revisionists to conclude that Sack's piece constituted a hatchet job on Holocaust revisionists. Especially so, since the arguments of none of the other leading revisionists were entertained, and indeed even their names are intentionally suppressed.

Nevertheless, in our view, the article contains several notes of encouragement. For example, Sack goes out of his way to depict the normality of revisionists. So he writes:

> *All in all, the deniers that day and that weekend seemed the most middling of Middle Americans. ... Despite their take on the Holocaust, they were affable, open-minded, intelligent, intellectual. Their eyes weren't fires of unapproachable certitude, and their lips weren't lemon twists of astringent hate. Nazis and neo-Nazis they didn't seem to be.*

Sack also eschewed the hate mongering so typical among those who write about revisionism

> *Nor did they seem anti-Semites. I'm sure many anti-Semites say the Holocaust didn't happen (even as they take delight that it really did), but I don't believe I met any that weekend.*

This is, in our opinion, a major step forward in lowering the temperature and opening up the dialogue between revisionists and anti-revisionists. If revisionists are in fact normal people who harbor no hatreds, there is no rational reason whatever to marginalize, much less criminalize, their views. It is important to realize that nothing like this has ever been said about revisionists in the mainstream media before. Even Peter Novick's *Holocaust in American Life* in 1999, although a step forward in exposing the abuse of the Holocaust for political purposes, went out of its way to characterize revisionists, not as demons or rats (the usual epithets) but rather as "nuts" and "fruitcakes."

Why should Sack be able to be tolerant of revisionists, when others have been unable to restrain their hatred? Part of the reason has to do with the source of the hatred in the first place. Many Jews, and Jewish organizations, foster an utterly unrealistic and, in fact, impossible story about what happened to the Jews in World War Two. But they believe the story. Hence, anyone who doesn't believe the story becomes a threat to the belief system they are trying to maintain.

Exactly the same kind of psychology was at work during the periods of religious persecution in the Middle Ages: if one dissident were allowed free expression, he or she would threaten to undermine the entire regime of truth. Therefore such dissidents had to be exposed as devils and burned at the stake. The persecutions of revisionists over the past 30 years and longer follow the same pattern.

However, Sack, unlike many of his co-religionists, understands that the essence of tolerance is not hatred. If someone questions a belief that is important to you, then either that belief is unimportant, or the questioner is simply deluded. Thus, on the one hand, Sack is able to oppose those Jewish leaders who demonize revisionists:

> *Myself, I disagree with these Jewish leaders. Most deniers, most attendees in their slacks and shorts at the palm-filled hotel, were like Zündel: people who, as Germans, had chosen to comfort themselves with the wishful thinking that none of their countrymen in the 1940s were genocidal maniacs.*

In other words, to Sack, Holocaust revisionists are simply harmless Germanophiles who can't accept the worst about German conduct. As for the issue of the holes in the roof of the crematoria, which was the crucial argument to Sack, he is able to dismiss the entire matter with a whimsical comparison of cheeses and the rhetorical equivalent of a shrug: "it may be a hundred years before we know whose views prevail."

These kinds of sentiments are perceived by revisionists as condescending, and they are.

Conclusion

Revisionists probably expect too much too soon from revisionism. Holocaust revisionism asks people to change their deepest beliefs about what happened during World War Two, and this can be an excruciatingly painful process for Jews who either lived through the war, or who lost family in it. People change their beliefs slowly. While the long-term odds are in revisionism's favor, we would be wise to abandon the idea that revisionism will prevail soon in some dramatic showdown.

In order to facilitate the process of change, revisionists have to be approachable, and we have to leave no stone unturned in making our arguments presentable and available as people gradually allow their curiosity to challenge their innermost beliefs. CODOH has long been in that business, and CODOHWeb is a particularly gratifying experiment in that area, since our tens of megabytes of cutting edge research is accessed on average more than 150,000 times every week.

Communication between revisionists and non-revisionists has long been stymied by the hate mongering and demonizing that revisionists have experienced. The spreading—really, the sharing—of the work of Holocaust revisionism has long required a treatment that at once makes us human, interesting, and approachable. To his credit, that is the kind of treatment that John Sack has handsomely provided.

Hard to know what's right and wrong

By Bradley R. Smith

It's hard to know what's good and bad. Two Israeli soldiers are killed by a Palestinian mob. The President of the United States appears on television to condemn mob violence. During the previous couple weeks Israeli soldiers killed a hundred or so Palestinians, many of them teenagers and even children. They shot thousands more. Those killings were not committed by mobs. They were carried out by highly trained military funded by the U.S. Congress. We see then that violence is not the issue for our President. Mobs are the issue.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center publishes a photograph on its Website showing smoke billowing from a crematoria at Auschwitz. The photo's caption states that the smoke is being produced by the burning of the bodies of murdered Jews. The crematoria itself cannot be seen in the photo. The photo has been tampered with. The smoke has been air-brushed onto an older photo where there was no smoke. Israeli soldiers killed, a Jewish-American institution fakes crematoria smoke to give substance to its holocaust story. Is there a connection? It's hard to know what's good and bad.

Jewish writers are beginning to attack what they call the "Holocaust Industry." They say that the Industry uses the Jewish holocaust story to extract immense wealth from people living in the West, and to silence all criticism of Jews. Meanwhile, two men in a small boat loaded with high explosives ram a U.S. Destroyer taking on bunkers at Aden. We read where an eyewitness reports that just before the boat struck the U.S. ship the two men stand at attention and a moment before the explosion throw their arms into the sky in a gesture of exaltation. A hole forty feet wide is blown through the hull of the ship. Seventeen U.S. servicemen are killed.

Spokesmen for the U.S. Government call the attack an act of cowardice. Two men giving their lives for a cause they believe in. Nathan Hale said he regretted having only one life to give for his country. It's hard to know what's good and bad. Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims increasingly see America, in its strategic alliance with Israel, as their natural enemy. Kill Americans. For the U.S. government, it's only politics. For the others, it's principle. On the television I watch Palestinian youths using slingshots to attack Israeli soldiers armed with automatic weapons, tanks, and helicopter gun ships, all of it paid for by the U.S. Congress. My heart goes out to the kids.

We have a cat who went bad after giving birth to four kittens. She was a terrific mother, but came to distrust everything and everyone. She spits and growls at every moving thing. One morning she was sitting in the middle of the kitchen floor and when I stepped past her she spit and swiped a clawed paw across my leg. She had her reasons. In the first instant I wanted to kick her. The quick surge of anger I felt, but contained, reminded me of the tremendous role that violence plays in everyday affairs. If you have a nervous system. You can thank God for that, if you wish. Or evolution perhaps. What would the difference be? Maybe we'll get over it.

A friend asks what I get out of doing revisionism. Don't I get dispirited? It's hard work, there's no money, you are held in contempt by all the best people. I don't get dispirited. I don't know why. There's something missing from my character. I think it has to do with the fact that I am not focused on winning, on the future. I appear to be focused on the daily round. The process. I noticed this a long time ago. It's not a feat, an accomplishment, it's just the drift of my character. When I think about death, I'm looking ahead. I'm at that age. Thinking about it causes me to feel anxiety. At that moment, thinking about death, I'm out of the process.

European Jews invade and conquer Palestine and destroy Palestinian culture. Why not? Only a couple years earlier the Germans had destroyed Jewish culture in Eastern Europe. Take what you want from the Palestinians. Destroy them as a people. Drive them from their homes like you were driven from your homes. We call it ethnic cleansing now. We call millions of Palestinian refugees something else. Do we believe no Palestinian or Muslim can read English, that they are not aware of the contempt we have for them? That our hearts and minds and purse are all with Israel and Israeli Jews? Keep the cycle going. Kill Americans.

A great war in Europe, a great trial at Nuremberg, victor's justice, and twenty years later the Jewish holocaust story is institutionalized. American and Israeli Jews put together the Holocaust Indu.stry and steamroller everyone in sight. It's a feat of immense industry, imagination, politicking, and social manipulation. The professoriat, the keeper of the history of the people, retreats into silence. It sees nothing, hears nothing, says nothing. The Jewish holocaust story becomes taboo. You cannot say anything about it that is not vetted first by the Industry. Try it. Now we have the film of young Palestinian men beating and stabbing to death young Israeli Jews. That's what's meant when it's said that the first step is the last step.

It's hard to know what's right and wrong.

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This opinion piece was published in the Asian Reporter *(Portland Or) on 9 January 2001. It is the first example of the new Campus Project at work. Not in a campus newspaper, ironically, but in a classy tabloid that has a readership all around the Pacific Rim. This clearly supports my plan to submit publishable materials to both the campus and commercial press. Materials that are fresh, unpredictable, and treat a* ***news****-story while referencing revisionism.*

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ers, to break the Industry's grip on Western culture. Once that happens, the Middle East will take care of itself and we won't have to be hearing about it for another half century.

When you are a tiny guerilla force going up against a great power, you have to move swiftly and unpredictably. If you do not surprise the other side, if they know when you are going to arrive, what you are going to do, they will brush you aside like a cow switching flies off her rump. In the end, I'm responsible for the successes and failures of the Campus Project. I'm the guy who has to decide when to go straight ahead, when to fall back, when to change tactics. Such a moment is upon us.

The time is come to axe that part of the Project using display advertisements in campus newspapers. No more display ads for the foreseeable future. It is the most successful revisionist outreach tactic ever used anywhere. We introduced (literally) millions of students, professors and others to the fact that revisionism is on the move, that it has concrete achievements to its credit, and that those who oppose open debate on the Holocaust story do so because they fear that their influence over our cultural and political life is threatened by intellectual freedom.

It has been my observation that the Campus Project has been in decline for perhaps the last three years. Because there is no other existing revisionist project that is even in the same league with the Campus Project, I have been reluctant to change tactics. I have decided that I have got to bite the bullet. I must let go of an incomparably successful tactic – because it is no longer successful enough. The display-ad tactic has become what CODOH tactics must never become -- predictable. The Industry understands what we are going to do each academic year, and when we are going to do it, and it is prepared for us. Almost everywhere I probe with the display ads, I'm being stopped in my tracks.

It doesn't appear to be so from the outside. In the 1999-2000 academic year our ad "Holocaust Studies: Appointment with Hate?," ran in close to 70 college and university newspapers. So far as mere numbers go, we have never done better. But the top universities stopped running our ads four and five years ago. The big state universities have been declining our ads at an increasing rate over the last three years. The mainline press reports on the Project with diminishing frequency. Mainline media seldom calls any longer. The colleges that do run our ads are increasingly small, isolated, and unimportant. Our last ad, "Proof of Gas Chambers?," ran at only seven campuses this past fall. The writing is on the wall. I'm being neutralized. When they are on to your game plan, you change it. That's how guerilla campaigns are waged.

THE NEW STRATEGY FOR THE CAMPUS PROJECT

The initial goal is to submit one publishable revisionist opinion piece to the campus press every two weeks. Publishable means about 800 words. It means that the article will address a topical news story because that is what we are dealing with -- *news*-papers.

The obvious difference with what we were doing for so long is that we will reach campus editors ***at least ten times*** during the academic year. Not once. **Ten times**. They are going to learn which issues revisionism really addresses, and why revisionism is important to many of the political and cultural issues facing America and the West today. Every piece we submit will undercut academic stonewalling and media disinformation about revisionism and revisionists.

Each mailing will contain three items: a brief cover letter, a publishable opinion piece, and a "backgrounder." We'll call the backgrounder "Censorship Update for Editors." It will have news about CODOH, Smith, and the international effort to censor revisionism and persecute revisionists.

Censorship Update for Editors will provide useful background information for editors in one or two pages. It will be in the form of a collection of *news* briefs. It will not be polemical, will not feature opinion, but concentrate strictly on news about the censorship and persecution of revisionists around the world. And it will brief editors on what CODOH is doing, what is being published in ***The Revisionist*** Online, where our opinion pieces are being published, and the names and contact numbers of the editors who run them.

Censorship issues are very good issues for student editors to work with. They know little about revisionism, but they understand the danger censorship poses to a free press and a free society. Now they are going to learn about this danger every time they receive a *publishable* opinion piece from CODOH. It's going to be their cup of tea – but *only* if they are updated throughout the academic yearn rather than one time each academic year.

You might wonder if these new tactics will create more work than I can handle. While we will mail **ten times** more opinion pieces to the campus press than the single advertisement we have submitted in the past, I have writers who can handle this easily. George Brewer, editor of ***The Revisionist***; Bill Halvorson, Smith occasionally, McKenzie Paine and others. We are not short of op-ed writers. Once we get cooking, maybe in the fall, we may well submit a piece every seven days.

When we mailed advertisements to campus newspapers the ad went out to 500 editors. It was usual to get about a ten to fifteen-percent response – that is, fifty to seventy-five papers might publish the ad. The campuses where the ads were

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being run have grown increasingly less important. We want to mail to the top 300 student newspapers, say, at the 300 biggest and best universities and colleges in the land – *every two weeks*! That will do it just fine. For starters. And because we are not buying space in newspapers, the largest costs of the Campus Project are neutralized.

I don't have to limit myself to the 300 top universities, but that will work just fine for starters. Next fall we can make a decision on increasing the number of papers we stay in contact with. The important point here is that we *stay in contact* with "our" editors and their staffs at the 300 top universities and colleges in the land every fifteen days. This train needs to run on schedule.

Other Advantages to this strategy include the fact that mainline university papers will be more open to op-eds than they are to our advertisements. We can send these op-eds to the commercial press as well as the student press (see the first publication of a piece for the new Campus Project on page five, published in the *Asian Reporter*). Oftentimes editors are condemned for "making money" off running CODOH ads. For "selling themselves." Editors can no longer be humiliated with that charge. With opinion pieces, no money changes hands. And while we can never afford to advertise in the mainline press, we can afford to submit op-eds to them which, if they are printed, will be printed free.

And then there is the mathematical implication of submitting ten opinion pieces to 300 editors during the academic year to submitting one advertisement to 500 editors each academic year. If ten percent of the 500 ads submitted are published, that's fifty ads run. If we submit one opinion piece to 300 editors **ten times** each academic year, and ten percent of those 3,000 op-eds are run (10 x 300 = 3,000), that suggests CODOH opinion pieces will be printed **three hundred** times during the academic year. It sounds too good to be true. But the numbers are entirely in our favor. Would we settle for 200 opinion pieces written by revisionists being published on campus and off?

I think we would. I think we would be very happy campers, and that we would look around to find ways to send opinion pieces to one thousand(!) editors twenty times every academic year. I think we would understand that we would be in a classic win/win situation. I'm gonna try it.

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ODDLY ENOUGH

Many people think Bradley Smith is an evil, evil man. He is the founder of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, an organization that uses evidence to deny certain aspects of the Holocaust.

Currently, he is trying to run ads in college newspapers which contain a photo of smoke leaving a crematorium with words, "Proof of gas chambers?" Smith argues Nazis did not use gas chambers during World War II in their attempts at Jewish genocide.

Several college papers, including North Carolina's own Wake Forest University, have run Smith's work. Other colleges have denied his message a forum.

Regardless of whether one agrees with Smith or not, his case brings up the oft-forgotten truth that, despite the lip service paid to the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech, there are certain topics that are forbidden.

Is the truth of taboo within free speech a sign of topical tyranny or is it proof of a commitment to responsible regulation of media?

Oliver Wendell Holmes said that, even though we have free speech, we are not allowed to step into a darkened, crowded theater and yell, "Fire!"

Yes, taboo free speech means an embrace of censorship. But that sense of censorship isn't Ivory Tower gate keeping as much as it is self-defensive action designed to avoid repercussions for inflammatory statements.

Obscenity isn't just limited to George Carlin's dirty seven words and sexual pornography. Offensive material, sadly, is extensive and can't be pinned down.

That notion cannot be perverted to endorse some sort of outrageously relativist sweeping support of all speech, but it can be used to temper language and provide some sort of standard for what is and what is not fit to print.

Opinions are not arguments; they are merely opinions. Even when coupled with claims of evidence, the big picture must be taken with a small grain of salt.

Everything is profane to somebody. It is not the duty of the media to try to satisfy everyone, but rather hold true to their own personal codes of ethics. Journalism relies on the idea that truth in print can only be accomplished when journalists are true to themselves.

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INTERNET ROUNDUP
CODOH Partners with Amazon.com

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A few years back Amazon.com shocked the book-selling industry by becoming the number one on-line retailer of books. Amazon rose from total obscurity to a position far ahead of their well-known established competitors like Barnes and Noble, Borders and Walden Books. Amazon became the most-talked-about symbol of the "new" Internet economy. Unknown companies wanted to emulate its success, while established retailers tried to overcome their own bureaucracies to do what Amazon had done.

Since those "early" days (of a couple of years ago) mainstream competitors have begun to catch up with this Internet-startup organization. Amazon has seen its wide lead diminished, its stock price drop, and its failure to realize a profit become a major liability. Still, at Amazon there is a fundamental understanding of the way the World Wide Web works. Amazon knows how to take orders and ship items, sometimes overnight, satisfying customers with extremely fast service as well as an ever-expanding array of items for sale (DVD's, CD's, Kitchen appliances, outdoor furniture, etc.).

One of Amazon's more recent innovations is its Associates program. Amazon allows Web sites to "partner" with them and direct potential customers to their wares in exchange for a commission, which ranges from five to fifteen percent on each sale. The idea appeared to be a perfect one for CODOHWeb. Although CODOHWeb has been immensely successful from a "getting-the-word-out " standpoint, we have yet to harness the potential revenue stream from the Web. One of the difficulties of doing business on the Web is the need to have a state-of-the-art order processing system, the ability to identify and ship your products quickly, and typically the ability to take credit card orders in a very secure manner over the Web. Building or acquiring such a system, as well as having a broader range of book titles and products for sale, has eluded CODOH for some time. The Amazon associate program appears to be one solution.

We would set up pages that would list books that revisionists would be interested in. In some cases, we would link to a review that we have written on that title. The book, however, would be in Amazon's inventory. Our reader, if interested, could click with his mouse on a small image of the book cover, or on the title of the book, and be taken immediately to that selection on the Amazon Web page. From there anyone interested could order the book. Amazon holds the inventory, they do the order processing and shipping, CODOH gets the commission.

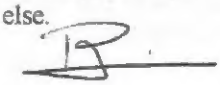
We have already started this page. We started with only six titles. We add new titles each week, but have already built up a nice list of valuable, revisionist related, books for our Internet readers to purchase. Amazon carries such a wide range of titles that CODOH now advertises the Ernst Gauss / Germar Rudolf classic Dissecting the Holocaust, as well as various titles by David Irving and even some IHR titles. A reader interested in Dissecting the Holocaust, for example, clicks on our link, orders from Amazon and receives the book. This results in Amazon having to order additional copies of Dissecting from the original publisher of this new revisionist classic, as well as dropping off a few bucks in the CODOH war chest.

Everyday we seem to hear about another attempt by the enemies of free speech to censor or otherwise hinder the revisionist advances being made in Cyberspace. What those censors find is that as soon as one avenue of communication is blocked another, better route opens up to go around them. CODOH has learned in the five years that we have been utilizing the Internet that the options and possibilities are endless. Our position today was unthinkable only a few short years ago. The mind staggers when we consider what our position will be five years hence.

THE LAST WORD

You will have noticed (my readers all have eagle eyes) that this issue of **SR** is very late. Apologies. Not unusual for the January issue, though it's unusual to be this late. I'll catch up substantially with **SR** 76. I'm at a very interesting crossroads. I hope you stay with me. I believe you will find it worth your while.

Thanks for your help. There's no one else.



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A WATERSHED FOR THE HOLOCAUST STORY?

George Brewer

Early in January the Holocaust appeared to have reached a low ebb in public consciousness. However, in the past few weeks there have been several highly charged references to the subject in the media, and a close analysis of these indicate that the argument, although still fraught with difficulty, is starting to turn to the advantage of revisionism.

The majority of these public indications seem to have flowed out of the International Holocaust Day celebrations of January 27, 2001, but some appear to have been fortuitous. For example, Ex-President Clinton's pardon, on his last day in office, of a wealthy Jewish fugitive of justice raised the specter of inappropriate Jewish influence in American politics, but the timing was coincidental. The murder of two German professors at Dartmouth on the morning of International Holocaust Day also appeared unrelated, but the authorities, pointedly, did not dismiss a possible connection. On the other hand, Norman Finkelstein's arrival in Germany and Austria to promote the German translation of *The Holocaust Industry* appears to have been timed to coincide with the festivities. So was the Holocaust miniseries *Haven*, as well as the carefully orchestrated book publication and suit filing that raised the issue of IBM's "complicity in the Holocaust."

These last issues deserve treatment on their own, but it suffices to say here that while Finkelstein's promotional tour was a rousing success, leading to wide publicity of essentially revisionist attitudes toward the Holocaust, the TV miniseries and the IBM expose both failed miserably. While these help to argue that a sea change in Holocaust attitudes is beginning to take place, it is worthwhile to keep in mind the centrality of the Holocaust holiday.

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LETTERS

[*Henry Fenton, a Catholic revisionist and academic, is one of* **SR's** *readers. He proposes that like-minded Catholics attempt to organize in some way. Their association's identity would be separate from that of CODOH. He has submitted the following statement.*]

Many groups and nations suffered during World War II, but the media are interested in only one, the ordeal suffered by the Jews, referred to as the "Holocaust."

One of the principal media themes of our day, the "Holocaust" is loaded with anti-Catholic bias. Elie Wiesel, backed by his mentor Abe Rosenthal, an editor at the *New York Times*, institutionalized the term in its present sense in the pages of that paper in 1967. Wiesel and the *NY Times* did this for two reasons: as an alibi and smokescreen for the recent Zionist conquest and occupation of another people's land, and as an expression of their own deeply felt hatred for the Catholic Church.

Wiesel made it clear in the pages of the *NY Times* that the new word deliberately excluded Catholics from a comparable suffering during World War II. Until that time, Catholics and Jews had shared victimhood in media and in scholarly accounts of the war, as well as at Nuremberg. But Wiesel made it clear that Catholics were henceforth to be considered primarily as killers and aggressors.

At that time, liberals were taking over the Catholic Church in the wake of Vatican II. Many of them had already been angry with Pius XII even before Vatican II. His cult of Mary, his crackdown on modernist theologians, and any number of other offenses, real or imagined, had made the saintly Pontiff into a convenient punching bag. Thus, when Wiesel began reproaching Pius XII for his supposed "silence" during the "Holocaust," Catholic liberals jumped on the bandwagon.

In what is still a Protestant country where, for many, Jews are the sacred remnant of the Chosen People, here was a way for certain prominent members of the Catholic intelligentsia to prove their political pedigree to the U.S. Establishment. They embraced Elie Wiesel and his campaign to trash the memory of Pope Pius XII, without realizing what this would lead to. Since the late 1960s, Wiesel has been showered with honorary degrees and other tokens of affection from scores of Catholic institutions. This, despite the fact that he preaches a message of undiluted hatred for the traditional Catholic Church. In the intervening decades, any number of hacks have been hired by the managers of the Holocaust Industry to echo Wiesel's lament of papal "silence."

What would Catholic revisionists hope to accomplish? At this time, I have no clear program in view, other than to begin to bring like-minded people together and to see what happens. The Catholic press, echoing timid and poorly informed bishops, is one area where more balanced commentary about the "Holocaust" is needed. One thing that is certain is that those Catholic revisionists (how many of you are there?) can do nothing in isolation. We need to begin to form coalitions and act in a concerted manner.

Those of you who are Catholic revisionists and are interested in exploring the possibilities of concerted action should contact Bradley and he will forward your names to me.

Henry Fenton

John Sack's article on the IHR conference is a good example of what comes from trying to "build bridges" to well meaning Jews. Sack simply will not address the substance of revisionist arguments. He begins with the unquestionable assumption that "six million" Jews died in purported Nazi "gas chambers" and then willfully tries to pass off all the key evidence against that assumption.

Thus, Sack will not admit that there were no "gas chambers" at Auschwitz. As to why the "eyewitness" accounts at Auschwitz are any more believable than the now discredited accounts of "gas chambers" at Dachau, Mauthausen and other camps, Sack does not say. Sack makes much of the absence of holes in the roofs of the Auschwitz morgues as though (as David Irving contended) the whole issue rests on that detail. Sack says nothing about the much more basic fact (attested to by Fred Leuchter, Walter Luftl and Germar Rudolf) that all of these morgues lack the essential elements of proper gas chamber design.

The editors of *Esquire* magazine think it perfectly proper to let John Sack mock the mentality and standard of living of Chuck Provan. They have no problem with quoting the trial judge who denounced David Irving as a bigot and anti-Semite. Yet when it comes to quoting the Auschwitz death records which show only 74,000 total deaths at the camp from causes which have nothing to do with "gassing" both Esquire and John Sack are one in the reticence.

John Sack is a "righteous Jew" who will admit that his fellow Jews committed atrocities against Germans in post war communist Poland. Sack will even admit that official Jewish organizations such as the World Jewish Congress and Mr. Edgar Bronfman can be as bigoted as any German Nazi. But Sack never has and never will budge from his absolute devotion to the legend of millions of Jews exterminated during WWII by technologically impossible methods. That admission would give the anti-semites a weapon no Jewish defense organization could possibly defeat in open debate.

I appreciate your brand of revisionism i.e. lack of anti's etc. Will I pay to proof read your new book? Yes, I'm sending for two copies. My friend is not a revisionist, but is interested in the cause and I'm sending him a copy. He is a graduate of M.I.T., a member of Mensa, and a "professional" proofreader. I phoned him this AM and he is interested in seeing what you have.

Your article "Hard to know what's right and wrong" is too politically correct, but on the correct tack. There is certainly a connection between Hitler, revisionism, Israel and the WTO. Hitler saw what was coming and tried to stop it. Revisionists are trying to stop it. Nevertheless, the world is being taken over by American/Israeli military/Industrial complex. It's a very complicated situation, which suggests a wold dominated by a few.

DW, Washington.

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International Holocaust Day

Last year about this time, in what appeared to be a strategic PR stunt, a number of European and American political and academic leaders met in Sweden to discuss the Holocaust and announce once more to a weary world, "Never Again!" The meeting, which just happened to coincide with some of the most dramatic days of the Irving v. Lipstadt libel trial, banged the politically correct drum for inclusiveness and multi-culturalism, the watchwords not of tolerance but of the gradual Balkanization of Europe, if not North America as well.

As might be expected, all of the world leaders in attendance made the appropriate gestures. There were calls for more education. There were calls for more reparations to Jewish and non-Jewish victims of German aggression in World War Two. There were even calls for more abject apologies to the Jewish people, and a number of the politicians present shamelessly complied.

The most contentious item on the menu was the need to tighten the legislation that would outlaw Holocaust revisionism, or "Holocaust denial." This was of course particularly pressing since David Irving was using the occasion of his trial to raise all kinds of uncomfortable questions about the reality of the story that has been repeated endlessly in Western media for the past fifty years. However, the British were disinclined to follow the lead for censorship, and announced instead an alternative plan: to establish a national Holocaust Memorial Day on the British calendar, on January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Of course, this did not take anyone by surprise. The ability of the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, to debase himself and his country to secure a little extra political leverage for his party had been remarked even as far back as his initial campaign for office in 1996-97. Indeed, the idea for the British Holocaust Memorial Day had already been floated for a couple of years, leading many to speculate how it would be carried out: solemn strokes from Big Ben while traffic came to a standstill in Piccadilly Circus? The lighting of an eternal flame in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace? A procession of flagellants in hair shirts, led by Her Majesty, the Queen?

In the event, the Holocaust memorial in Britain was a far less spectacular affair, although it lacked nothing in loss of dignity. Missing theatrics, it compensated by stressing, as only Britons can, the fundamental phoniness of the entire charade. The ceremonies consisted mostly of Blair and other leading British political hacks engaging in "readings" and "recitals" aided, appropriately enough, by one self-admitted actor. As for the Queen, it was announced a few days before the ceremonies that she was accustomed to vacationing until February, and would not change her routine.

Even while the ceremony played out to its anticlimactic end, the British press was full of criticism of the enterprise. As one might expect, there were a number who were a little unclear why it was necessary to devote a day in the British calendar to commemorating an event that took place in another country. Some took swipes at the Holocaust museum in Washington, DC, wondering how Americans would feel if the Germans opened up a museum commemorating American Slavery in Berlin. (Indeed, Norman Finkelstein would repeat the rather subversive suggestion in Germany himself a few days later.) Even some staunch Holocaust believers in Britain questioned the effect of reducing a national tragedy for the Jewish people to a billboard slogan for international repentance.

The British event was timed to coincide with a number of other festivities, more or less manufactured for the occasion. For example, it was announced that Steven Spielberg was to be knighted in a ceremony to take place two days after the memorial day, and the day was marked both before and after with several announcements concerning discovered artworks, discussions of reparations, potential indictments against elderly men for alleged crimes, and so on.

While the British memorial received the most publicity, it coincided with a number of other gestures that took place worldwide. In America, there were the usual television and newspaper features on the Holocaust, and in the *New York Times* an impassioned review of a "new" five-volume study that once again sought to prove the conventional Holocaust story beyond a shadow of a doubt. The fact that the bulky set of volumes contained nothing new, and were in fact little more than a vanity publication of the US Holocaust Museum, funded by the US taxpayer, somehow escaped the reviewer. There were other gestures as well: perhaps even Bill Clinton's eleventh hour pardons, featuring a number of Jewish criminals and financial swindlers, constituted the outgoing president's attempt to personally atone for the Holocaust.

An odd review of an odd book.

For us, the most interesting phenomenon was the review in the *New York Times* of a new book by the Israeli historian Yehuda Bauer, entitled "Rethinking the Holocaust." The book belies its title by being mostly a rehash of articles Bauer has scribbled over the past decade, but the most fascinating reading comes in the first chapter, written to lead off this book.

For example, Bauer spends an inordinate amount of time in the first chapter setting forth his own liberal credentials, and makes a number of arguments—for example, concerning the fundamental sameness of all human suffering—that revisionists have been making for years. On the other hand, Bauer also uses this chapter to set forth his definition of "Holocaust," which we read with mounting interest. Bearing in mind the crabbed definition that was used against David Irving and is routinely employed against other revisionists, the definition that insists that the Holocaust was "the systematic, state-sponsored attempt to exterminate the Jewish people, which involved the killing of six million people, many in gas chambers."

Surprisingly, Bauer avoids specificity in his definition -- no six million, and no gas chambers. Still, Bauer manages to insist that there is "genocide" -- which involves the killing of some members of a group in the course of destroying them -- and then there is "Holocaust" -- which he differentiates thus:

> *To make this as simple as possible, I would suggest retaining the term genocide for "partial" murder and the term Holocaust for total destruction. I will argue that Holocaust can be used in two ways: to describe what happened to the Jews at Nazi hands and to describe what might happen to others if the Holocaust of the Jewish people becomes a precedent for similar actions.*

To an extent, what Bauer is doing here is simply to claim the standard party line: what happened to the Jews was absolutely unique, uniquely evil, and so on. On the other hand, Bauer then goes on to make a concession that revisionists should note:

> *Whichever way 'Holocaust' is used, it and 'genocide' are clearly connected; they belong to the same species of human action, and the differences between them remain to be seen, beyond the obvious one of partial versus total destruction.*

In other words, Bauer is allowing -- just barely -- recognition that other mass persecutions are similar to what happened to the Jews. That is frankly a step forward for a mainstream professor, particularly one active in Israel. To be sure, the distinction between "partial versus total destruction" is by no means "obvious."

A further concession comes when Bauer invokes Saul Friedlander, who Bauer gratuitously calls "brilliant", which means that what he is about to quote Friedlander on is not only true, but very true, but that he, Bauer, hasn't the temerity to say it himself:

> *In a brilliant statement (in Jerusalem, on December 24, 1997), in the course of a discussion of his latest book, Saul Friedländer explained that the Holocaust presents problems that have so far not been solved. In the past he himself had used the expression "the unease of the historian." He did not mean that these problems can not ultimately be understood, but that tremendous difficulties stand in the way of understanding them. He did not want to imply a mystical interpretation of the Holocaust events; but because convincing explanations are still unavailable or are being argued about, he wanted to avoid what he called "closure" of the argument, as though we historians had found satisfactory answers to our questions. He advocated a certain open-endedness whenever we put forward our views: we might, he implied, be wrong -- there is nothing terrible about that -- and, in any case, others will come along and present new findings and insights.*

The first thing one notices about this is the amusing circumspection of prose is: What problems? *What* tremendous difficulties? Of course, Bauer does not say, and cannot say, that the problems and difficulties surround the traditional story of extermination camps in which, allegedly, millions of human beings disappeared.

Yet underneath the typical curlicues of academic speech we find another concession: there are important open questions, apparently several, and these haven't yet been completely answered, and "we might be wrong", not only "might be wrong" but "there is nothing terrible" about being wrong. This is the kind of thing someone says when he knows he is wrong. It sounds to us like Bauer is having a late, somewhat timid, conversion to revisionism.

France: Once Again, The Garden of Revisionism

While the flat British festivities and the convoluted writings of an Israeli professor may be said to be harbingers of a change in attitude, the fact remains that the most fertile ground for revisionism continues to be France, where a number of statements made in the media indicated that revisionism, long cultivated by Dr. Faurisson, is beginning to bear fruit in the land of Voltaire.

The first of these statements was made by Jacques Mandelbaum in an article in a leading French daily to correspond with the Holocaust Day celebrations. He wrote, among other things:

> *The photographic exhibit "Memory of the camps" now taking place at the Sully Hotel, raises [...] the question of the role and use of images in the process of recalling an especially grim era in the history of the Western world. [...] Pictures taken (during the liberation of the camps) were used in ways that were often historically problematical, from the very first newspaper photos and newsreels to the [now] famous documentary films, such as Alain Resnais's memorable Night and Fog (1956). [...] All the well-known images employed in the portrayal of this crime are, if not fakes, at the very least inappropriate. [...] Aerial photos of a [concentration] camp taken from an altitude of 7,000 meters, on April 4, 1944, by American reconnaissance planes, where the readers can make out all the mundane details, except the presence of gas chambers. [...] Devoted for the most part, by the cumulative impact of the exhibit, to photographs of the world of the concentration camp, (this exhibit) is literally haunted by the near-total absence of photographs relating to the extermination program [...]. If seeing is believing, how then does one make the admission that where the Shoah is concerned it is precisely [the tell-tale] images we are [almost] completely without.*

The second comments came from Holocaust fabulist Alain Finkelkraut, who was quoted as remarking:

> *There is a project being developed in France that seriously*

risks helping [Holocaust] deniers climb out of their holes: despite all the warnings from the most serious folk, the plan will in effect give students a specific course on the Holocaust, [but] apart from any history class. If we create a Shoah [Holocaust] catechism, it might allow [Holocaust] denial to rebound. Since everything cast as holy dogma sets itself up to be profaned.

Of course, to veteran revisionists the baby-steps of Messrs. Mandelbaum and Finkelkraut are likely to cause impatience, however, bearing in mind the atmosphere of criminalization and persecution that reigns on the European continent, such concessions are extraordinary. Indeed, Dr. Faurisson himself attended the exhibit that has inspired the depression of Monsieur Mandelbaum, and noted the following:

On arriving at the thirtieth and last display panel, [the visitor] will note that revisionism is no longer called "négationnisme" but by its true name, and will observe that an unexpected tribute is rendered to a few French revisionists. At the top, he will read: "From the late 1940s, it was in France that there appeared the first revisionist publications, attempting to deny or to distort the Holocaust: the first works were by Maurice Bardèche and Paul Rassinier. Since then, revisionism has become a worldwide phenomenon of French predominance, under the stimulus, notably, of Robert Faurisson.

Dr. Faurisson deserves much of the credit for revisionism's progress in France and elsewhere. But there are others who are contributing as well. Just before the Holocaust Day celebrations, the intrepid Jean Plantin, who was arrested, imprisoned, fined and personally plundered for publishing the journal *Akribeia* in 2000, managed to publish the first volume of his new *Etudes revisionnistes*, a handsome new series which included in the first 500 page volume extensive writings by Robert Faurisson, Juergen Graf, and several chapters from Samuel Crowell's *The Gas Chamber of Sherlock Holmes*, in French translation.

Conclusion

It seems clear that the public consciousness of the Holocaust is beginning to change. One indication is that the coverage appears more episodic than before. Instead of continuous day by day exposure, the subject is being brought up only in spasmodic outbursts of propaganda. Yet even the propaganda, as we have seen in the case of Yehuda Bauer and the French journalists, does not carry the same conviction as before.

Meanwhile, broader public approaches do not seem to be taking root. One indication is the tepid response to International Holocaust Day celebrations. Another was the failure of the TV miniseries "Haven", which was set for the February television sweeps: it failed, and was described in the entertainment press as a "low-rated and older-skewing special." A further indication came with the publication of a book that attempted to argue for IBM's "role" in the Holocaust, by providing punch cards to the Nazis. Although it was front-paged in several dailies, the story largely disappeared from the radar, along with the suit filed the following day demanding "reparations" from the computer firm. Could it be that even the media is beginning to concede that there has been too much Holocaust?

These failures are no cause for complacency: rather, they indicate a need for greater vigilance and an energetic dissemination of information. In this respect it is important to note that CODOH's web presence remains vital, and continues to rack up Internet accesses at a rate 50% higher than a year or two ago. Still, even as we witness the unraveling of the Holocaust Leviathan, we can expect it to be promoted ever more extravagantly, if less consistently, and with less restraint and more damage to itself. For example, just days after noting the plaque in the French exhibit, Dr. Faurisson was subjected to an outrageous search and interrogation by members of France's Holocaust Police.

To counteract these assaults we need to continue to offer our alternative view to all who will listen, so that the experts who today are beginning to express doubts about what they have promoted for so long, will tomorrow come out into the sunshine and declare their agreement with the main tenets of revisionist theory.

THE CAMPUS PROJET

For reasons explained below (see: Other Stuff, page eight) I have been "on the road" the past couple months. I am unable to report substantial new work on the Campus Project. Nevertheless, there is interesting news to report about revisionism on campus.

U WASHINGTON. Under a head reading "Speaker Heralds Personal Victory over Holocaust Revisionists," the UW *Daily* reported (19 January) that "Dr. [Deborah] Lipstadt speaks to a crowd of more than 300 in Kane Hall about how denying the Holocaust took place is harmful to society."

The Daily reporter went on to note that "Despite having to shoulder the burden of proof, Lipstadt won a decisive victory over Irving, a victory that he and his supporters still do not seem to accept.

"Irving's supporters claiming to be from Student Revisionist Resources passed out revisionist literature and held signs outside the hall supporting Irving.

"Neil Camberly, claiming to be a UW biology major who knows Irving personally, held a sign reading, 'Irving

Defeated? Yeah. Right. Read the Transcripts.'

"Mercer Island resident John Friedmann, who was born in Germany, confronted Camberly outside the hall. 'If the Holocaust didn't take place, what happened to my parents and grandparents?' said Friedmann.

"Camberly responded that they had simply died of starvation or typhoid. Friedmann then simply shook his head and went inside to the presentation.

"The crowd was made up of all ages including many elderly Jewish people."

ON THE OTHER HAND: I received a message from Neil Camberly via e-mail stating: "The protest of Deborah's lecture was a great success.

"Nobody in attendance was without a copy of the tri-fold pamphlet David Irving made available to us, and nobody missed our large, well-put together fluorescent yellow pickets. I designed the layout using Adobe Photoshop 6.0. Wait till you see the photos. I think we came across brilliantly. All who showed up on our side were extremely presentable and impressively behaved.

"I alone spoke to the press, and other than the Website referrals (namely, the sites of David Irving, CODOH, and IHR, we were focused on the extremely complicated nature of the issue at hand. The only photos the press got were of signs of the above Websites, particularly that of David Irving."

We have a packet of information printed out from the Student Revisionist Resources Website in our **SR** Catalog. The packet relates in substantial detail how Camberly and others in the group jousted for months with State U faculty and administration to keep their Website alive and kicking. The packet is listed as: SRRS 100. 45 pages. Plastic cover. $10.

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(enrollment 4,300). The SNU *Star* has finally confirmed that it ran the "Gas Chamber Proof?" ad on 12 December. I'd thought we'd lost this one, as the *Star's* ad rep did not return my phone calls. But 12 December issue of the paper before me. The photo with the fake smoke is very poorly reproduced. On the same page where the ad appears the *Star* ran an article headed "Holocaust Studies Has Important Mission." It's a straightforward article by a student reporter telling how the SSU Holocaust Studies Center was founded in 1987 by a professor John Steiner. The timing of the article and its placement need no explanation.

U WISCONSIN-MARATHON.

The UWM *Forum* ran our "Gas Chamber Proof?" ad on 30 January. The photo with the fake smoke is reproduced moderately well. The ad is one-half page, and along side it is a half-page article by Jeff Leigh. Assistant Professor of History at UWM. It is headlined: "Holocaust Ad Needs More Explanation Than What It Offers." I agree. But then an ad by definition is not a scholarly paper.

Professor Leigh's article is critical of the ad (no surprise) and is the expression of a careful mind. It looks like he called the Simon Wiesenthal Center, from which we downloaded the photo from their Website showing the faked smoke being emitted from a crematoria which is not visible in the photo. He (carelessly) accepts at face value the Simon Wiesenthal Center's explanation that the fake smoke in the photo was the result of a "dirt smudge." Would the SWC not tell the truth about such a matter?

CAPTIAN AMERICA AND THE GASSING OF THE USA

Richard Widmann

Growing up I was an avid comic book collector. I was going through a few of these tonight when one particularly caught my eye. It was a copy of "Fantasy Masterpieces" No. 5 from 1966. Fantasy Masterpieces was an oversized comic that reprinted older comics. The story that caught my eye was Captain America in "Killers of the Bund." This story originally appeared in Captain America No. 5 in July 1941. Throughout issue No. 5 Captain America (for those who don't know him, he is donned in red, white, and blue with a star on his chest and stripes running down his waist -- what American kid, didn't love Captain America?) fights Japs and Nazis (ahh... but several months before Pearl Harbor!).

In "Killers of the Bund" all Bund members are wearing typical Brown shirt attire with Swastika armbands and Swastika emblems on the front of their caps. The Germans, identified as Nazis, have such names as Herr Shnitzel and train at a "sinister bund camp" called "Camp Reichland."

The story begins, "For months the Fifth Column element in America was spreading terror throughout the Nation—the enemies of Democracy had been beating up innocent people who refused to join their ranks and destroying their homes—finally the mighty Captain America, and his daredevil pal, Bucky, decided to take a hand and wipe out the dogs of Dictatorship!"

The story line is that the Nazi / Bund members beat up German-Americans who refuse to join the Bund, and Captain America goes to Camp Reichland to beat the heck out of the Nazis. Somehow the Bund gets the upper hand and captures Captain America. Here is the actual text. Note of course the Gas references (again July 1941). (Note also the vile anti-Germanism that was rampant throughout the US at the time).

"Ve haff Captain America, Herr Commandant! Ve Sprayed der sleeping gas on him und he iss unconscious!"

"Dat's Goot!"

[In the Nazi Guardhouse]

[Captain America]: "Wow! What hit me?"

"A sleeping Gas of our own invention, Herr Captain!"

[CA]: "Why you—"

"Vun more move like dot und ve shoot!"

[CA]: "What do you birds intend doing with me?"

"I'll tell Herr Captain! Ve're going to amuse you, Captain America—Take him outzide, Guards! In one minute, Captain, you vill bodder us no more! Der boys in back of me are out for target practice und—"

[CA]: "-- Und I'm Der target! I get it!"

"I think you'll be interested to know dot after you're dead, ve are going to spray der entire zity mit zleep gas und den capture it. Ve vill den avait der Feuhrer's [sic] invasion."

Infuriated by the commandant's statements, Captain America charges the Nazis like a runaway train—

"Kvick! To der planes! Spray der city mit gas. Hurry! Before dot vun man army breaks loose!"

[A large fight in planes breaks out with Captain America referring to the Bund members as "Rats" and "Ratzi"s. Several die as their planes explode or they are thrown from their planes by Captain America. Cap lands on the planes (of course bedecked with swastikas on the tail and the fuselage)

[CA:] :That takes care of their gas attack! Now I think I'll return and settle with those birds once and for all!"

[For those who care, the story ends as a local militia shows up and beats the heck out of the Nazis with the help of Captain America and Bucky—I kid you not about the militia!]

The End—

In short, in July 1941, German Bund members, aka Brownshirts aka Nazis aka Ratzis, are plotting to take over the USA by dropping Gas on our cities and awaiting orders from the Fuehrer. I am sure that there were plenty more stories like this one. We took the propaganda hook line and sinker -- before war was ever declared!

The View from My House

Audrey Jones

[This was to have been printed in this issue of Smith's Report, *all right, but this issue was to have been mailed before the end of January At this time, talk of New Year's might seem a bit dated, but it's a good story and gives you a little more background on how we {now Audrey alone – see below} have to operate in Baja.]*

Life in Mexico is very different from life in the States. Up here on the hill we have our own underground reservoir that holds roughly 2,000 gallons of non-potable water. The water is delivered by small tanker style trucks that bounce along the dirt roads from dawn 'til dusk, filling everything from reservoirs to 50-gallon drums for household use. That's our water system.

As for gas for cooking and heating the bath water, that's supplied in tanks, which are hooked up in front of our house. When the tank runs out of gas the gas truck comes bouncing along and replaces the empty tank with a full tank and then we run around the house re-lighting all the pilots. All of this took some getting used to in the beginning, but it's not as much of a bother as it used to be. Usually.

Over the holidays and around New Year's we had a series of storms. I had read the weather report and knew that they were coming, so I went to the store and stocked up on all the things that we would need to get by for a week or so. For those of you who know what it's like to get snowed in, imagine being mudded in. These roads here on the hill turn to deep, mucky glue after the first couple rains. Then, when the soil is saturated, the water sits atop the mud cutting off all contact between the tires and the "road." It's like trying to drive on black ice. The big problem is that you can't spread salt on the roads or bring in a mud plow. You just have to wait for the rains to stop and for the roads to dry. That's why we've learned to stock up on the essentials at just the hint of coming rains.

By now you're probably getting a drift of how we spent our New Year's vacation. First thing we ran out of was gas. The more affluent have a back up tank, but we aren't that affluent yet, so I had to cook on the hot plate that I generally use only for heating tea. You probably have some idea how long it takes to cook a pot of beans on low heat. Ha, ha! We ate nearly raw fried potatoes and scrambled eggs one night. And of course, with the cold wind and the rain, no one wanted to take a cold bath or shower, so we stayed wrapped in layers of clothing without bathing for three days.

Finally, on the third day, the sun came out. Within a matter of hours we could drive on the road. I'm getting to be pretty good at it, actually. It's much like being a revisionist. You have to gun the engine to climb the hills, holding the steering wheel tight to stay on track. Going downhill you have to ride the brakes slightly to make sure that you don't slide off into a gully or hit a telephone pole. Going around slick, mucky curves is the biggest challenge, trying to keep the tail from wagging the dog and spinning out.

We called the gas company and before noon we had gas again, ran around lighting the pilots and everyone was looking forward to hot showers. While we were waiting for the water to heat someone in the family

flushed the toilet. My dad and I were out on the front porch, enjoying the sunshine, when we realized that the water pump was running continuously. Dad ran to unplug it, then looked in the reservoir. We were out of water.

We called the water delivery guys and they said that they would send a truck right away. An hour passed and we called again, and again they said they'd send a truck. Another hour passed and Dad took the boys (who are fluent in Spanish) to the well where the trucks load the water. One of the drivers sheepishly said that no one wanted to come into our neighborhood because they were afraid their truck would get stuck. My two boys, both equally grungy and desiring a shower, finally convinced the driver that the road was passable and about 4:30 that afternoon we finally had both gas and water.

So what does any of this have to do with Smith or revisionism? Plenty. During this time CODOH still managed to send out two massive emails (each time to more than 1,700 editors, student editors, columnists, feature writers, etc.). The first included an essay written by Robert Faurisson, "Black November." The article recounted the misfortunes of persecuted revisionists during November 2000. The second email, entitled "In Germany, The Truth is No Defense," included an article written by MacKenzie Paine. That article is going to be published in the March issue of a periodical that has 40,000 readers.

It could rain here for forty days and forty nights, but so long as the Internet is kept free, we can stay in the fight -- full throttle and hands tight on the wheel.

OTHER STUFF

Everyone has a story. Have I said that before? Paloma, our fourteen-year-old, took sick last summer and couldn't shake it. She took a real nose dive in December, we grew increasingly dissatisfied with the treatment we were getting for her in Baja, and at the end of January I packed her up and drove her north. We went to a friend's house in Marin county first, a beautiful part of California north of the San Francisco Bay. The necessary medical facilities were available, but it took only a few days for me to learn that Marin county is simply too expensive for someone with my income. That was when a light went on and I realized that the thing to do was to return to Visalia, the town we left four years ago. It's in the middle of the San Joaquin Valley in Central California. we have friends here, the medical services are good, and then I had no choice. When you have no choice, or only one choice, it's easy to make a decision.

We have been staying with friends in Visalia, a mother and her fifteen-year-old son. Paloma is beginning to receive the care she needs. She is enrolled in the local high school, at the same campus where her sister Magaly attended and graduated from in 1991. These two simple procedures took more time than I would have thought they would. The radiator went out on the car ($300), then the water pump ($400). It was very cold for a week or so, now it's rained for a week. I hadn't rented an apartment for so many years that I had forgotten what a bother it can be.

Irene, our wife and mother, remains in our house in Baja, for which we are going to have to forge ahead and finish the cabinetry and so on so that we can rent it and Irene can come up here. It may take six months. Meanwhile, I've been working (a little) on a makeshift table in the living room of our friend's apartment.

The move to Visalia has separated Audrey and I. While we still communicate via the Internet, she can no longer take care of things for me, no longer network with you. This is a big loss for all of us. I will have to find someone here to replace Audrey. No one can really replace her, but I will find someone to do that part of the office work she did for me the last year and a half. At the same time, Audrey will continue to work with me on the Campus Project, the distribution of opinion pieces via e-mail, and other promotional work. We're going to have to reinvent our working relationship.

By coincidence, Jeff, our friend's son, is a fifteen-year-old who is computer literate and very smart and well organized. He's looking for a way to make some income. I need one person to take care of my mailing lists, orders and so on. He would rather work on a computer and do some shipping than work at McDonalds. He is already working on the back orders from our Catalog, and we have we have been shipping orders for four days now, a few of which date back to December. He's using Audrey's old office computer, which contains all our mailing lists.

So – for the second month in a row *Smith's Report* is late. There are reasons, as you see. I will try to cut ten days off the schedule for each succeeding issue until we get back on schedule.

Thanks for your patience, and thanks for your support.

There's no one else.

Bradley

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The Beirut Conference: Catalyst of Controversy

George Brewer

The announcement last December of a major revisionist conference to be held at the end of March 2001 in Beirut, Lebanon brought forth the typical howls of rage from the usual anti-revisionist sources. To that extent, the conference, even in its planning stages, had performed an important service in publicizing revisionism. At the same time, the conference created a linkage between revisionist historiography on the one hand and anti-Zionism on the other. In turn, this linkage deserves careful examination, because of a number of pitfalls that seem inherent in the approach.

In the event, just a week before it was scheduled to begin, the conference was cancelled by what passes for the government in Lebanon. Still, in our view, the conference was successful in exposing the dynamics of the Holocaust and the current Middle East situation.

BACKGROUND

The conference was first announced last December in a press release by the Institute for Historical Review (IHR), which stated that the conference would be put on by the Swiss group *Verite et Jusice* (Truth and Justice) with the help of IHR.

The actual purpose of the conference first became clear in January, through an article by the Swiss revisionist Juergen Graf, now in exile in Iran, who appeared to be the prime mover behind the conference. The article, a brief but cogent review of the Holocaust in modern politics, essentially argued that the Holocaust was used to justify the Zionist presence in Palestine (i.e., Israel

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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report *and the issues it addresses. I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I can not reply to correspondence. I don't have enough hours in the day. I have space to print a very small number of your letters. If you do not want your name published in* **SR**, *please make that plain. Thanks.*

Instead of bashing John Sack and Esquire, look on the *positive* side. A first-ever of its kind of article in a monthly with a print run of 700,000 copies. A generally positive treatment by John Sack of our humanity and good will and our warm reception of him at the IHR. A rather positive treatment of me and my wife Elda [remember, he was our house guest for two nights several years ago and I introduced him to revisionism—and even got David Cole to fly out for the weekend to talk about revisionism to Sack.

John left here a different person. He followed my suggestion about going to the IHR, met Mark Weber for lunch and got the tour of the facility etc. Ever since then, John has been trying to get his article published in *Esquire* or the *Village Voice*. John writes from a journalist's perspective and, additionally, as a true believer in the 6M story—but at least he is sincere and not a scam artist like Wiesel and Lipstadt. He presented my teaching of Butz at U Alabama-Huntsville in 1987 positively. That was a first of its kind and has not been duplicated since. The sidebar across from my photo was pretty accurate.

John makes clear in the article that there are items in the Holo-story that we deny that really *ought to be denied*. Hence, why not write that Sack effectively makes holocaust denial acceptable?

I could go on, but let me say only that instead of picking at the Provan photo (an embarrassment to Provan as well -- we have discussed what he should and should *not* have done when the photographer asked for a tour of his premises!), why not emphasize the positive? I like you await the April issue of *Esquire*. to see what letters, if any, will be printed. So, the bottom line is *not* to complain, but to look for the best elements in this amazing article.

Robert H. Countess, Ph.D.

Esquire *published three letter regarding Sack's article, each condemning revisionists.*

Have not heard from you for awhile. Hope you are still functioning. Your work is crucial to the survival of Western civilization.

JZ, Texas

Your letter and the February issue of **SR** *crossed in the mail. There are family problems (see Notebook) but I'm okay. So long as men like George Brewer, Richard Widmann, David Thomas and others continue to associate with me, and so long as I continue to receive the support of individuals like you, the work will continue to grow.*

Henry Fenton's idea in **SR** 77 about organizing Catholic revisionist activists is the best idea since I don't know when.

We old people (I'm 75) are only telling one-another what we already know about the Mid East, the holocaust, etc., and we are not going to do anything except take our knowledge to our graves. To ever be able to change things we must first create a critical mass of people educated as to the true facts concerning such issues. This "critical mass" is in our colleges. So doesn't it makes sense for us to "come out" and openly endorse Open Debate on the Holocaust – especially to college students?

Please pass my name and address on to Mr. Fenton.

Garland Clifton, WDC

I very much agree with you about where the "critical mass" waits to be awakened. That's why I believe the Campus Project is so important. I have forwarded your name to Mr. Fenton.

An interesting use of the word "Sonderbehandlung" occurs in a letter written by President von Hindenburg to Reichschancellor Hitler on 7 April 1933 protesting against measures taken to deprive Jewish civil servants of their offices. The letter reads in part,

"Nach meinem Empfinden müssen Beamte, Richter, Lehrer und Rechtsanwälte, die kriegsbeschädigt oder Frontsoldaten oder Söhne von Kriegsgefallenen sind oder selbst Söhne im Felde verloren haben -- soweit sie in ihrer Person keinen Grund zu einer Sonderbehandlung geben -- im Dienste belassen werden. Wenn sie wert waren, für Deutschland zu kämpfen und zu bluten, sollen sie auch als würdig angesehen werden, dem Vaterlande in ihren Berufe weiter zu dienen."

Translation: "In my opinion, officials, judges, teachers, and lawyers, who were wounded or were soldiers on the front or who are the sons of men killed in the war or who themselves lost sons in the field—insofar as they give rise to no special treatment (*sonderbehandlung*) in their person—should be left in their offices. If they were valuable enough to fight and bleed for Germany, they should be considered worthy of continuing to serve the Fatherland in their professions."

Source: *VERHEIMLICHTE DOKUMENTE*, edited by Erich Kern, p.140, available from the FZ- Verlag, GmbH, Paosostrasse 2, 8000 Munich 60.

Carlos Whitlock Porter

[Below is a recent addition to Lou Rollins' book *Lucifer's Lexicon*.]

Oxymoron, n. A contradiction in terms, such as: humanitarian intervention, dry wine, Black Studies, Christian Science, social justice, compassionate conservatism, Liberation Theology, soft rock, computer literacy, journalistic ethics, modern art.

Lou Rollins

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and the Occupied Territories), and that if the received history of the Holocaust were shown to be false the Jewish state would collapse. We will touch on some of the arguments Graf made a bit further on in this article.

PREDICTABLE RESPONSES

For the first few weeks there was no response to the conference planning. Suddenly, in the beginning of February, a number of Jewish groups emerged to condemn the conference, moved to have it canceled, and, in the process, spewed out a number of misrepresentations and half-baked conspiracy theories about revisionism.

The first squawk came from the Anti-Defamation League, its director, Abe Foxman, flush with victory after having helped secure a pardon for the Jewish American felon and fugitive from justice, Marc Rich. On February 11, Foxman announced that the "Holocaust deniers" were moving their "drumbeat of antisemitism" to the Middle East, and that there was a "change in strategy" among "deniers" who were now trying to find an audience for their views in the morass of Middle East turmoil. As if to make the charges more serious, the press release went on to say that "Anti-semitism and racial theories" had long held sway among radical Arabs.

Foxman's remarks were devious in more than one respect. In the first place, the conference did not stem from a "change of strategy," but was clearly planned as a result of the fact that one of the most prominent of revisionists—Graf himself—had sought refuge in the Arab world from persecution in Switzerland. Second, to argue that Arabs were concerned with "Anti-semitism and racial theories" is a transparent falsehood designed to associate the Arab world with western anti-Jewish attitudes and racial problems. Moreover, the association cannot withstand the barest scrutiny, since the Islamic world has never been concerned with race, and fosters anti-Jewish feeling not on the basis of "racial theory" but simply because most Arabs feel that Israel occupies land that is rightfully theirs.

The ADL press release was followed the next day by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, whose associate dean, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, announced that a request had been filed with the Swiss government to see if anything could be done to stop the activities of "Truth and Justice." Here, for the first time, was an indication that strong-arm tactics were being employed.

The low point in the first wave of negative reactions was achieved by the *Canadian Jewish News*, which ran an article on February 22. Heavily quoting Stephen Emerson, a hack journalist who has created for himself a reputation as a terrorism expert, the article claimed that the scheduled conference was just "the tip of the iceberg" of the "ongoing collaboration" between "Neo-Nazi fundamentalists" and "Middle Eastern terror groups."

Of course there is not a shred of truth to any of these charges, but it conjured up a useful image of all-powerful revisionists conniving with terrorists in order to tear down, or perhaps blow up, Israel and whatever else remains of Western civilization. The same day the *Canadian Jewish News* article appeared the World Jewish Congress made a public plea to the Lebanese government to stop the conference.

A few weeks later, on March 8, Rabbi Cooper again was in the news, this time in an Op-Ed piece in *USA Today*. Once again, we had the typical assertion that anyone raising questions about the Holocaust "defames the memory of the dead" and that such questioning inevitably will lead to a "resurgence of Nazism." The novelty of the Op-Ed piece was that Rabbi Cooper introduced his article with a spiteful attack on Jewish author John Sack, whose *Esquire* article of the previous month generally portraying revisionists as "harmless Germanophiles" was apparently too fair for Rabbi Cooper's liking. The day after Rabbi Cooper's article was published, the South African Board of Jewish Deputies announced that they too were calling on the Lebanese government to cancel the "hate crimes" the conference would represent.

CHANGING SIDES

In the second week of March an unusual shift took place. An Israeli Jewish journalist published a series of articles highly critical of the attempts to scuttle the conference, as well as of Israeli oppression of Palestinians. At the same time, a number of prominent Palestinians issued statements distancing themselves from the conference.

Israel Shamir is a Russian born Jew who writes left-wing commentary on the political scene in Israel. In March, he wrote a series of columns, which outlined what he considers to be the main problems in the area, particularly emphasizing what he considers the quasi-genocidal policies of the Israeli government towards the Palestinians. In one column, entitled "Vampire Killers," he discussed the hypocrisy of the Jewish establishment in attempting to halt the Beirut conference. At the same time, he came as close as an Israeli journalist can to accepting the validity of some revisionist claims. However, for all that, he concluded, "The arguments on gas chambers and soap production could be very interesting, but they are quite irrelevant." Shamir considers them irrelevant because he concluded that even without them the sate of Israel would simply find some other pretext to continue its anti-Palestinian acts. We will discuss this in more detail below, but the important thing about Shamir's writings is that revisionism was defended by a freethinking Israeli Jew—much to the delight of revisionists worldwide.

Two days later another dramatic shift took place in which 14 leading Arab intellectuals signed a letter in the Paris newspaper *Le Monde* condemning the conference. The signatories were illustrious, including Edward Said, longtime Israeli nemesis. Another of the signatories, Joseph Samaha, was quoted as saying that he opposed the conference because it might suggest that "the defensive Arab

struggle against Israel and its allies is somehow the extension of the Nazi extermination plan."

What were these people thinking? Samaha's remark suggests that he was frightened of the Nazi-Arab conspiracy theory that is frequently peddled, as it was described in the *Canadian Jewish News* article above. Apparently, these Arab intellectuals decided that it was better for their purposes if there was no association between them and Holocaust revisionism. Yet such a gesture, which implicitly endorses the standard Holocaust story, does not come free. There is little doubt that these Arabs expected, and still expect, something in return, and something more substantial than the guarded praise of a handful of Jewish mouthpieces. Our guess is that the public relations gesture by these 14 Arab intellectuals, which betrayed the basis of their intellectual lives, was made in the expectation that the Israelis would translate that concession into meaningful rollbacks in their treatment of the Palestinian population. However, if that was their expectation, our prediction is that they will be disappointed in the outcome.

DILEMMAS

The switcheroo acted out by Israel Shamir and the Arab intellectuals clearly showed how the very idea of the revisionist conference had energized the situation in the Middle East. At the same time, these unpredictable reactions remind us of the volatility of the situation in the region. At this point we should step back and comment briefly on some of the aims of the conference.

For example, it has been said that the Holocaust is a religion, and its function is to support the state of Israel and denigrate and blackmail Germany. There's a lot of truth to this, but revisionists should keep in mind that there's a difference between what the Holocaust has come to represent in political discourse and the actual factual errors that comprise it. To put it another way, the basic idea of the Holocaust is that the Jewish people were persecuted and killed by Germany while the rest of the world stood by and did nothing. This basic idea may be wrong in many of its particulars, including gas chambers, six million, and an extermination plan. It may even be wrong in terms of the claim that "the rest of the world did nothing" to help. But every informed and unprejudiced person accepts the fact that Jews were persecuted by the Nazi government of Germany, and that at least hundreds of thousands died.

The real issue, from the point of view of contemporary politics, is not: What are the facts of the Holocaust? The issue is that regardless of the facts, the Holocaust story is used to procure wealth, reparations, and foreign aid, and is also used to bolster Israeli identity and the occupation of land heavily populated by non-Jews.

One can say that Germany and other countries should stop feeling guilty about whatever happened in World War Two, and should stop paying. Fine. But one could just as easily say that even if six million Jews had actually been killed in gas chambers. The proof of this is that over the past two years a number of voices have been raised which are critical of the exploitation of the Holocaust story for economic or political purposes, including Peter Novick, Norman Finkelstein, and, as noted above, Israel Shamir. All Jews, none of these authors has attempted to couple their criticism of the Holocaust as an idea with any questioning of the usual Holocaust "facts." To put it another way, the political leverage of the Holocaust—pro-Israel, anti-German and anti-Arab—may be colored by falsehoods, but it does not depend on those falsehoods.

It seems to us that Israel Shamir is largely right: the use of the Holocaust to support Israeli policies is a reflection of existing power relations, not the other way around. The Holocaust as an idea never would have succeeded if it had contradicted powerful material interests. In 1945, and for decades thereafter, the Holocaust was a useful tool to many. To the United States in justifying international intervention. To the Soviet Union in justifying the occupation of Eastern Europe. To most Europeans to justify the limits placed on postwar Germany, and to all of the allies in absolving them of any guilt feelings for the wartime and postwar treatment of the German people.

To be sure, Jews also exploited the story: but they were neither the first nor the most powerful. The paradox is that over the past twenty years, as communism weakened in Eastern Europe only to collapse in the early 1990's, the idea of fantastic Nazi exterminations has weakened, because it serves no purpose. Meanwhile, the idea has flourished in the United States, which uses it to justify race-based social policies as well as foreign intervention, and of course it continues to flourish in Israel for obvious reasons.

Ralph Waldo Emerson used to say: "Things are in the saddle, and ride mankind." To the extent that revisionists are driven by a desire to change the existing power relations in the Middle East, they should focus on those matters, along with their Jewish and Israeli colleagues. In such a context, the existence or non-existence of gas chambers sixty years ago is not crucial.

On the other hand, for those revisionists who are most concerned with the abuse and fabrication of the historical record, they should continue to expose the falsehoods on which the current World War Two narrative is based. But they should have no illusions about the upshot of their endeavors. The desire to write the history of the past as it occurred is an important undertaking, one in which revisionists have made many notable contributions. But the end result of that undertaking will be only historical truth, not a revolution in the world's power relationships. For many of us, the attempt to get at the historical truth is important in and of itself.

The idea that exposing the falsehoods of the Holocaust will lead to the destruction of Israel is, in our view, apocalyptic. We might further ask to what extent we, as Westerners, would approve of that destruction, and what would ensue.

The Israel Shamir solution—"one man, one vote"—strikes us as naïve. By this path of absolute democracy, two longstanding South African Western cultures, in the Union of South Africa and Rhodesia, have been largely crippled, and the situation appears to be getting worse. To be sure, in the abstract, people should never be discriminated against on the basis of race and everyone should have a say in how their country is governed. But the historical record shows that when previously disenfranchised groups are empowered, the first thing that such democracy brings is the attempt to democratize wealth, with all that that entails in terms of wealth and land seizures, social and political chaos, charismatic dictators, police states and ultimately mass killings. We may say that these are necessary steps that nations have to go through to rectify injustices or to further their development, and that they are in any case better than the previous oppression. Perhaps: yet to invite such chaos is to our minds questionable.

We also have to bear in mind, as revisionists, that our devotion to historical truth is coupled to a strong belief in individualism and the right to free intellectual inquiry. Do we really see these things in the Arab world? We can avoid discussing the semi-feudal infrastructure of most Arab states, the suppression of dissent, the forms of punishment by mutilation that are routinely carried out. None but the most Diversity-besotted persons would regard these things are merely "relative."

We cannot avoid the fact that in several Arab states there is a commitment to a single view of reality that is at times enforced to unreal extremes. Just in the past month, the Islamic fundamentalist government of Afghanistan, in an effort to enforce a unified vision of reality, ordered the destruction of hundreds of Buddha statues simply because their existence violated their view of the Koran. To be sure, this lunatic endeavor to destroy potentially dangerous symbols could be compared to the over zealous campaigns of some Jewish groups who apparently will not be satisfied until every swastika on the face of the earth is destroyed. But we would not want to affiliate ourselves with one totalitarian vision of the world just to break the hold of another. In our view, revisionists, by their nature, should remain free agents.

CONCLUSIONS

The fact that the revisionist conference in Beirut was cancelled is not a cause for celebration.

Still, the very idea of the conference yielded several important points. First, it has led the Palestinians and other Arabs to make an ideological concession in advance, one where they join in the suppression of Holocaust revisionism in return for a nebulous promise of self-government in Palestine. They will soon be disappointed at the response of the Israeli government of Ariel Sharon. Second, having discovered the potency of the Holocaust story as an ideological weapon, they will no doubt return to it after their future disappointment. Third, the cancellation has allowed revisionists to make the point that the Holocaust is a fundamental prop for Zionism, even if the Jewish state is not likely to collapse without it. At the same time the cancellation has also allowed revisionists to stay above the political fray in the Middle East, and avoid an ideological commitment themselves, in this case, to possible Islamic militants or fundamentalists.

There is one further positive aspect to this cancellation. It is to demonstrate once and for all the enormous power of the mostly Jewish groups—the ADL, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the World Jewish Congress, and others—who opposed the conference. By their press releases and articles, the cancellation also shows the willingness of these same groups to engage in the most demagogic rhetoric in order to achieve their goals. Once again it has been demonstrated how these groups will betray the basic ideas of intellectual freedom on which our Western civilization was built for the sake of even short-term political gain.

While revisionists would form an uneasy alliance with fundamentalists of any kind, Islamic or otherwise, it appears these same Jewish groups would be right at home with them. While Islamic fundamentalists blow up priceless archaeological relics in order to police how their people think, the ADL and its clones in the Jewish community are so far content to spare the relics, and concentrate on controlling how the rest of us think. If successful, such tactics will make intellectual freedom itself a relic. Revisionists are playing a central role in an international effort to see to it that this will never come about.

NOTEBOOK

Bradley R. Smith

Mailed the February issue of *Smith's Report* on 10 March. Will have the March issue out before the end of March, picking up about ten days, on my printing schedule, maybe more. From that perspective I'm ahead of the game. The fact is, I am six weeks behind schedule. There are many reasons why I got behind. A sudden move from Baja with nothing more than my computers, a few files and documents, two suitcases and my daughter. I'm an autobiographer so I want to tell you exactly what those reasons are. You might respond that this is not the right forum. Maybe you would be right.

CODOHWeb is holding very steady through this slowdown, proof that it has become an international resource for revisionism, as any great archive is. During the four weeks leading up to the week ending 24 March, total weekly accesses to documents on the site have numbered from 140,340 to 178, 443. And that's without any significant achievement on my part with the Campus Project. We have become part

of the mainstream. We're not in the center of it, but we *are* there.

On 18 February the ***London Daily Telegraph***, in a story about the publication in German of Norman Finkelstein's *The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering*, reported that:

> *A book accusing American Jews of using the Nazi Holocaust to blackmail Europe into making huge "exploitative" compensation payments has sold more than 50,000 copies in Germany following its publication here two weeks ago.*
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> *Finkelstein's promotional tour of Germany has attracted large audiences. A launch of his book at Berlin's Urania theatre was attended by more than 1,000 people. The weekly magazine* Der Spiegel *said: "Germany is in the grip of Holocaust madness. Finkelstein is being taken seriously. What he says corresponds with what many who do not know the facts think."*
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> *Publication of his book coincided with an opinion poll that showed that 65 per cent of Germans totally or partially agreed with Finkelstein's assertion that "Jewish organizations make exaggerated compensation demands on Germany to enrich themselves".*

It's good that Germans have a growing awareness of this fact. When Germans begin to question the story, that's when the worm will really turn. I have always argued that we need Jews in revisionism. I still do. But we need Germans even more. That's what the Holocaust story is all about. It's not a story about Jews. It's about Germans and Jews together, forever.

Germar Rudolf has written a 3,500-word article on Finkelstein's *Holocaust Industry* and posted it on his Website. David Thomas posted the article on the CODOH bulletin board so that CODOHWeb readers can participate in some back and forth on the matter.

Rudolf has many interesting observations to make about Finkelstein's *Industry* from the perspective of a European, rather than an American. He addresses interesting complexities involving Finkelstein, Daniel J. Goldhagan, and Rudolf himself.

> [*If you'd like to read Germar Rudolf's article on the Finkelstein book, I'll send it along in return for a small contribution.*]

April is Holocaust remembrance month. I will have no advertisement circulating this April for the first time in ten years. I'm all right with that. What would come of it? A few more scandals on a few more campuses. I've done that. I've made too many scandals on too many campuses for too many years. No way to keep up with them. One scandal on one important campus, where I follow it out to the end, capitalize on it thoroughly, would be more productive than the last fifty scandals I have created where I have been too busy to capitalize on any one of them.

I have gone over this again and again. I rethought the Project during the winter and wrote about it here. I would do opinion pieces rather than advertisements. Ten opinion pieces each academic year rather than one advertisement. But then things went bad with my daughter and I had to pull up stakes and leave Mexico.

This morning the alarm rang at 6:45 as usual. Paloma and I were in our sleeping bags on the floor in the empty living room. I woke her, got up and made her a cup of raspberry flavored instant coffee. She sat up against the wall and drank it sleepily. Then she went to her empty bedroom and started getting ready for school. I cranked up the computer and took care of my email. I'm back on the Internet with a permanent email address, I'm in touch with Thomas, Widmann and Brewer, the guys who manage CODOHWeb and keep me on the straight and narrow. I'm the oldest in the group – by far -- but I welcome their help staying on the straight and narrow. Then it was time to drive Paloma to her new high school where she is a freshman. She went out the front door carrying her backpack in one hand and an apple in the other. The emptiness of the apartment, with her not in it, washed through me like a hollow wave.

David Horowitz is running an advertisement in campus newspapers titled "10 Reasons Why Reparations for Blacks Is a Bad Idea for Blacks—and Racist Too". Horowitz is a 1960s radical leftist (he was a member of the Black Panthers) who took a hard turn to the right in the 1980s. In the *Washington Post* (5 March) Jonathan Yardley quotes Horowitz as saying "... this is the only way I could get my message heard on campus."

Sounds familiar.

The running of the Horowitz ad is causing a great scandal. Protests, entire issues of newspapers stolen, demands that editors resign, that the money accepted fro the ad be donated to the "Third World community." All of it sounds familiar. Been there, done that.

Richard Widmann was the first to bring to my attention the hullabaloo on those campuses where the student paper has run Horowitz's ad. Widmann suggests that perhaps Horowitz is taking a page out of the successes of CODOH's Campus Project. Who knows? But Horowitz has been getting a free copy of ***Smith's Report*** for four or five years. He knows all about CODOH's Campus Project.

Eric Zorn reports in the *Chicago Tribune* (22 March) that in the past month, activists at five major colleges have "fallen" for David Horowitz's sucker punch, while student newspaper editors at another 25 universities have clumsily opened themselves up for this "roundhouse from the right."

Zorn encourages a free press in this article about Horowitz. A few years ago when I ran a full-page ad in the *Daily Northwestern* urging an open debate on the Holocaust Controversy, it was another story. Zorn interviewed me by telephone, was rather uppity, and when he published his column there was not a word in it that

encouraged an open debate on anything.

Horowitz will get some real mileage out of his ad. Good for him. I submit that if he does others he will get increasingly less mileage from those. That's the way it works.

Abraham Foxman, maximum leader of the Anti-Defamation League, ostensibly concerned about the Horowitz affair, wrote to the *New York Times* (23 March):

> *For years, anti-Semites have sought to influence young minds on campus with advertisements that deny that the Holocaust happened. Despite having no basis in historical fact, these offensive ads have been accepted by many campus newspaper editors on the assumption that the First Amendment allows no alternative.*

I am the only one who has run such ads "for years." I very much regret that Abraham believes that I don't like him because he's Jewish. He does annoy me, but it's because he is an outrage against intellectual freedom, not because he's Jewish.

Meanwhile, we have just found out, from William Safire at the *Washington Post* no less, that Abe has been caught with his hand in the wrong cookie jar.

> *The purchase of a pardon by Marc Rich haunts the Senate this week. The stain spreads; now we learn that the fugitive billionaire, with $250,000 to the Anti-Defamation League, induced its national director to lobby President Bill Clinton for forgiveness and thereby bring glee to the hearts of anti-Semites.* Abe Foxman should resign to demonstrate that ethical blindness has consequences."

It takes money for these guys to nose out ethical blindness. They don't understand very well that it is ethically blind to suppress and censor intellectual freedom. It is ethically blind because the suppression and censorship of what others think can only be effected through the initiation of force.

Shawna VanNess, past editor-in-chief of the Hofstra University *Chronicle*, is working on a senior project surrounding the issues and media coverage in the fall of 1999 raised by the staff's decision to distribute *The Revisionist* in some 5,000 copies of the *Chronicle*. She was stalwart in defending the paper's good judgement when it distributed **TR**. I do not give telephone interviews any longer, something always goes wrong, but that's what VanNess wants. I'll do it for her. She deserves it.

Arthur Butz, author of *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*, alerted some of us to an open letter that was emailed (23 March) to President Henry S. Bienen of Northwestern University, where Butz is a tenured professor. The letter was sent to faculty in the history department as well. The author of the open letter is by a Chuck Peterka, whom none of us knows. His letter is excerpted from an article published by a Alan November [sic].

Briefly, the letter is yet one more assault on Professor Butz, demanding that his Website be disassociated from the "domain" name of Northwestern University -- < nwu.edu >. Its angle is to tell a story about a fourteen-year-old student named Zack, who is not identified in any other way.

> *One day Zack was asked by his retired neighbor what he was learning in school. Zack answered, 'I'm working on a history paper about how the Holocaust never happened.' The neighbor was incredulous. 'Zack, where did you hear that the Holocaust didn't happen?' 'I found it on the Internet in my high school library. Concentration camps were really clinics to help the Jews fight typhus carried by lice....'*

Not quite the argument that Butz makes, but there you have the danger of the Internet and the World Wide Web for the Holocaust Industry.

> *Look at Professor Butz's posting from the perspective of a fourteen-year-old untrained to think critically about information. [Butz's] page is simple and clear. It's written in a calm, logical tone. From Zack's perspective, it's a valid source from a tenured professor at a top university. It has a publication date in the 1990s. It's on the Internet. It must be 'true.'*

As the letter writer points out, Butz's article is "a persuasive document and it has the domain name of nwu.edu, Northwestern University." There are tens of thousands of "Zacks" in our high schools who are going to "come across" revisionism on the Internet. They are already accessing revisionist documents on CODOHweb alone at the rate of 700,000-plus per month. Most of our Zacks will not volunteer to their neighbors what they have found until they are satisfied that there is something to it.

As noted above, the original article upon which Peterka based his letter to NWU President Bienen was written by one Alan November. The bias of November's article and his ignorance of Butz and revisionist theory are obvious. November argues that if the "links" in Butz's article on his Webpage are followed out they will show that there are "two broad categories of related sites: *hate mongers and hate watchers* (my emphasis).

Alan November is a senior partner at Educational Renaissance Planners. He is an internationally known educational technology leader (according to A.N.). The article itself was published in *Technology and Learning Magazine*. It is adapted from a forthcoming book titled *Educating Students for a Digital World*. TLM in turn is published by an Internet group called The Well-Connected Educator, whose director is Gwen Solomon. WCE in turn is a subsidiary of a huge international Internet conglomerate based in San Mateo -- in Silicon Valley. Here is how he predicts the Internet will influence who reads what:

> *I think it's safe to assume that our current elementary students will have access to the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week*

from a small, very fast, inexpensive toy they carry in their pocket. I cannot assume that we will be able to block the Internet as kids access it from the playground.

The genie is out of the bottle.

With regard to Butz and his Website using the <nwu.edu> domain name: I do not believe Northwestern is going to deny it to him. I do not believe that those who want to deny it to him will stop trying. Sisyphus.

It's been suggested, more than once, that I produce revisionist "labels" for SR readers and others to stick up on public bulletin boards in their neighborhood and on campus – or wherever your imagination leads.

The Holocaust Question

Ignore the Thought Police.
Read the evidence.
Judge for yourself.

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I always thought it was a good idea, but in Baja it was difficult to get it done. In Visalia there was nothing to it. I've already done it. The printing is black on a glossy yellow background. There are only fourteen words. They will take the reader to the bigest and best Holocaust revisionist Website on earth. To the place where the information is. The place they need to go.

The illustration above is somewhat reduced to fit in the column. If you would like to use these labels I'll send them along at cost – post paid.

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10 Labels $1 50 Labels $4
100 or more Labels 7 cents each.
(Post paid)

First I'm going to apologize (forgive me), then I'm going to say it straight out. While I've never looked to the future, the future is here before me. My wife has cancer, our fourteen-year-old daughter is a drug addict, I'm seventy-one years old, I have no money, and I am at a crossroads with regard to the work. Maybe I'm depressed. I'm not the sort who walks about feeling low, so if I am it's probably temporary.

Today I picked Paloma up after school as usual. Driving to the apartment she said: "Dad? This morning when you dropped me off, why were you crying?"

"It was that cassette tape you play so much. The tune keeps going through my mind." It was difficult to talk. I was choking. "'There's No Sunshine When You're Gone.' This morning the tune was in my head, the words were there, and I realized – that's how I feel about you. There's no sunshine...." And then I was choking again.

The last time Paloma disappeared we were still in Baja. That was in January. We had learned that she was using methaphetamines. They call it *crystal* down there or, up here, "crank" or "speed." Maybe she was using other stuff. What does she know? People told us they saw her going into crack houses on dirt roads up in the hills, or, barefoot in the rain, begging for cigarettes. This last time it was nine days before the police called to say she was in jail in Rosarito. A policewoman had recognized her from the handbills we had posted up around town. Paloma had been walking south along the highway from Tijuana. It was almost three in the morning. She was alone.

Alicia and I went to the jail and found her sitting on a bench. Her face looked very bad and she wouldn't talk. We thanked everyone, took her home, put her in our bed and we all went to sleep. I slept on the floor crossways in front of the door so that it could not be opened without waking me.

We got up at mid-morning. Alicia had packed bags for Paloma and me a week earlier. The computers and files were already in the trunk. At one PM we were all across the border at San Yisidro. I said goodbye to Alicia. She looked stricken. And then I began the drive north with Paloma. I didn't know very well where I was going or what I was going to do. I only understood one thing. I had to get my daughter out of Mexico.

So here we are in Visalia, she and I. We sleep on the floor in a largely empty apartment. Her day is structured very tightly. When she's not in school or in group, I don't let her out of my sight. She has not used in about sixty days. She's relaxing. I have set up an office in the bedroom on three folding tables. A friend has loaned me two chairs. We live a very Spartan life. We don't seem to mind. I have three difficult jobs to take care of: my wife, my daughter and the Project. I do expect to take care of them.

This may be very much more than some of you will have wanted to know. But I owe it to you to tell you enough, the bare minimum, so that you understand at least something about why there has been some disorder in the Project over the last months. Don't give up on me. I intend to go straight ahead with the work.

Bradley

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NOTEBOOK

Bradley R. Smith

About forty of you have ordered the working draft of ***HATE: A True story***. A number of you have replied with you reactions to the manuscript. Some replied in substantial detail, others made brief notes in the ms. itself. It has been very interesting and more than that, helpful.

You responses have caused me to make several decisions.

To begin (or end) with: while the final chapter of *HATE* is a good chapter, it's the wrong chapter to end the book with. I have to clear up certain obscurities in some of the autobiographical material. I'm going to consider the idea of adding illustrations to the text. I have finally left behind the idea of keeping the book as short as possible. I will put everything into it that needs to be there, which will give me a strong, substantial text to promote with media and on the Internet. It will cost more, it may push the publication date back a couple

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO FREE PRESS: What's a Free Press?

Received an email communication from Ian Marlier, editor-in-chief of the University of Chicago *Free Press*. The *Free Press* is a monthly with a circulation of about 7,000. The next issue, going to bed in six days, will address the problem of free speech on campus. There will be articles discussing the controversies produced by ads that David Horowitz and CODOH have run in college newspapers. The FP will focus on Horowitz, but CODOH will be mentioned throughout the issue. Marlier wonders if I would like to buy a full-page ad to run in this free speech issue. An inside page will cost $415.

While I have turned away from running big ads in student papers in favor or submitting opinion pieces, I'm not going to turn down an offer to run a full-page ad at the University of Chicago where Peter Novick (*The Americanization of the Holocaust*) teaches and when the editor of the paper himself solicits it from me.

I'll go for an inside page. At the moment $415 is a problem, but the *Free Press* will bill me. I send my article "The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate" via email attachment It's the most recent version of the ad I ran

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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report *and the issues it addresses. I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I can not reply to correspondence. I just don't have enough hours in the day. I have space to print a very small number of your letters. If you do not want your name published in* **SR**, *please make that plain. Thanks.*

[*Following is a note from my old right-hand man, Audrey. Due to the absurd circumstances of my life at this time, which I noted in the last issue of* ***SR****, Audrey and I have had to go our separate ways. While I have lost my right hand man, revisionism has gained a grand new voice, an energetic intellect, and a bundle of wired energy. My personal loss is everybody else's gain – and in the big picture it will prove to be my gain as well.*].

Bradley has very generously offered space in **SR** for me to tell you a bit about the work I'm now doing and to ask for your support. Bradley has been at this much, much, MUCH longer than I have, he has scored many breakthroughs over the years and will continue to do so, so I have no wish to divert so much as a penny of support away from him.

For those of you who don't have computers, however, I know that you're missing much of the action. I have developed an idea that I call "Truth Seeking Missiles," which I "fire" into cyberspace. They're generally essays that I've written under the pen name MacKenzie Paine and through a network of other Internet Activists we're able to reach tens of thousands of individuals with our message. I assure you, we've turned more than just a few heads with these Missiles, including some Catholic Priests, several editors and even a couple of professors. Since January I have fired nine such missiles, totaling roughly 30,000 words.

If you would like to receive these essays on a monthly basis I'd be happy to send them to you. I think the most efficient way would be for you to send 12 self-addressed manila envelopes with postage on each of the 12 to cover twenty 8 ½ x 11" pages. This way I could also include other articles and bits of information from cyberspace. Any contribution that you could send to help cover the costs of paper and copying would be appreciated. Please send the envelopes and any contributions payable to:

Ralph Pinque
R-06, P.O. Box 439016,
San Diego, CA 92143.

If you would like to receive the first nine Missiles, please send a sturdy envelope with postage to cover 35 pages. Hope to see you in the mail!

Audrey

I have just discovered your excellent Website on the Internet and thought it very informative. I should stress that I may not yet be a revisionist, but I'd like to find out the truth about the gas chambers, etc. Please send me information on CODOH. I am not online yet (I use the Internet in my local library once a week) but I hope to be getting access at home soon. I look forward to hearing from you.

SJW, East Sussex, England

Thank you for your thought-provoking research and documented essays. My only comment is that for the better part of my life I was greatly annoyed, and hurt, that one could not even broach certain topics without being branded an "anti-Semetic", or worse. I am a child of Ukrainian immigrants who were in Buchenwald. When I tell people this they are surprised. Many comment "But you're not Jewish!" Sigh. It seems no one understands that no one group has a monopoly on tragedy.

VC, via the Internet

I suggest that you publicly challenge Jonathan Yardley to repeat these views [regarding Horowitz's ad on Black reparations] on behalf of revisionist access to both college papers and the mainstream media. To preclude the possibility that he will describe revisionists as evil monsters, you might send him a copy of John Sack's Esquire article.

NH, Washington D.C.

To put this letter in context: Jonathan Yardley is a columnist for the Washington Post. *On 5 March he titled his column "Politically Corrected." It focused on two California universities, UC Berkeley and UC Davis. Each ran the Horowitz ad. Each was attacked by special interest groups. The editor of each paper fell apart and printed an abject apology. The editor of the* Daily Cal *at Berkeley [Daniel Hernandez] wrote that the First Amendment does not apply to paid expression, and that "freedom of speech is compromised when it is bought. Ads are for selling something, not preaching. And buying space to preach a viewpoint is unfair in that it does not allow a direct opposing view".*

Yardley responds*: "If [Hernandez] really thinks that buying space to preach a viewpoint is unfair he needs to re-enroll in the basics of constitutional law. If he really thinks that buying space to preach a viewpoint is unfair, he needs to re-enroll in Journalism 101. From there he and all others of like mind can march into the English department, where, if they get lucky, they may be able to find someone who can explain the difference between 'racism' and 'dissent.'"*

The idea to ask Yardley to write similarly about CODOH publishing revisionist ads is to the point. But I have been through this too many times. Yardley is not going to engage me on this subject. Yardley is one of the guys I have to bypass. The Internet provides the highway to do that, not individual letters to

individual columnists. If Yardley ever decides to face revisionist theory directly, he will do so because of pressure from a growing public consensus produced by massive amounts of information being distributed to tens of thousands of people.

LATEST STATISTICS FROM CODOHWEB

WEEK ENDING	ACCESSES
MARCH 24	148,840
MARCH 31	155,100
APRIL 7	199,900
APRIL 14	210,910

The upswing in hits the last couple weeks may be due to the interest created by the *Free Press* fiasco at U Chicago. We're not sure. Some of the tech language in the statistics page suggests that the added accesses are coming from – Spain! We may or may not be able to sort it out. But this is how to get the revisionist word out into the great wide world. The grass roots of cyberspace. The time is not yet come when we can work with individual columnists who have high positions in mainstream media. They have too much to lose.

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originally in the *Daily Northwestern* ten years ago that formally kicked off the Campus Project. It's the most widely read revisionist text in the world. It's time that Greater Chicago had another look at it.

Received a note from Marlier that the text of my ad is too long for one page – it's over 3,000 words. I either have to buy more space and cut the text. I have only two days before the *Free Press* goes to the printer. I'd have to cut it down to about 1,800 words. Difficult. The next morning I put my mind to it and in three hours got it down to 1,950 words and send it to Marlier. I hear back that afternoon: "This will do it. Thanks."

So I'm in. This is going to cause a devil of a stink.

I have a couple questions to ask about when the paper will actually be distributed and if there are any safe guards against it being stolen, as it is going to be a very controversial issue. There is no response from the FP. So far, we have been in close communication. The following day there is no response either. I begin to feel uneasy. I know the routine.

If it has leaded out that the FP is going to run a full-page CODOH ad, and it probably has, the editor is going to be under great pressure to kill it. I want to send press releases to Chicago Radio, and to the print press. I also have an opinion piece ready. If I move now and the ad is not run, it won't work. If I wait too long, I will not be timely. I hear nothing.

Still no word from the Free Press. I have no way to know which way the cat will jump. Can't wait. This morning I mail a press release to talk radio producers in the Chicago area headed: "Will the University of Chicago Free Press Run a Full-Page Advertisement from Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust Story?" I included the text of the advertisement that is to run in the *Free Press*. My angle is that if the ad runs it will be a good story, and if it doesn't run that will be a good story too. The release will be in Chicago the day the ad is supposed to run (10 April).

The University of Chicago Free Press has distributed its April issue and our CODOH ad is not in it. My man in Chicago has faxed me the full page "Letter to Our Readers," signed by the editorial staff, explaining why the ad, though solicited by it's editor-in-chief, was suppressed. The letter is interesting for what it reveals, and then it is very interesting for what it conceals.

In his final email communication to me, after the paper is distributed, the FP editor-in-chief Ian Marlier explains why the ad was not run.

> *The deal is this. One of our editors is an observant Jew, whose grandparents on one side were both killed at Auschwitz. Say what you will about proof, they went in and didn't come back out. Beyond that, it's not a discussion that's worth having.*
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> *She is a fourth year, and is about to graduate. She has worked for the free press for the entire time that she has been here. Initially she had no objections, but after reading the ad and looking over the Website, she asked that her name be taken off the issue if the ad ran.*
>
> *The other three of us who serve as editors-in-chief or as editors-at-large discussed the matter in light of that, and decided that in the end the weight of intellectual argument fell very strongly on the side of running the ad; however, we are a college paper with a small staff, and the fact that we might alienate a member of our staff was compelling.*

I responded with a short note saying okay, but that protecting the sensibilities of a few at the expense of the intellectual freedom of all others is a betrayal of journalistic ethics.

Meanwhile, my man in Chicago faxes me a copy of the FP's full-page "A Letter to our Readers." The letter beats around the bush for about 1,500 words of self-justification. Toward the end of the screed you can read this:

> *The universe of journalistic ethics is not exhausted by the antiseptic logic of free speech principles. You could not call a journalistic institution I f it failed to accord a substantial amount of respect to its staff members, particularly those who have invested uncountable quantities of time and energy into the institution's well being. There is, therefore, a certain threshold at which a staff member's personal convictions [supercedes] detached questions of how to best accommodate public discourse.*

Nowhere in the full-page Letter to Our Readers, however, does the principled editorial staff of the UC *Free Press* mention that the staff member whose sensibilities were

being protected is an observant Jew. Why not? And of course there is no thought whatever given to the sensibilities of Germans. The University of Chicago *Free Press* is free to those whose sensibilities rule the day – today. Thinking back to the Horowitz ad against reparations for Blacks, it occurs to me that in 1840, say, it would have been impossible for me to place an advertisement in a college paper in Mississippi calling for intellectual freedom for Blacks.

That's what we mean when se say there's nothing new under the sun.

Submitted a small ad to the University of Chicago *Maroon*, and the UC *Weekly News*. Heard back within minutes from the *Chicago Weekly News*. "Sorry, but we have decided to not run this advertisement." (Signed) Gordon Parrish. Have yet to hear from the *Maroon*.

As to the two dozen or so Chicago radio stations where I solicited interviews regarding the *Free Press* debacle, I've heard nothing.

Lose one, lose one.

(BRS)

A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

McKenzie Paine

Greetings to one and all from (now) sunny Mexico! Instead of plowing through mud we're enjoying springtime with all of its frolicking youthfulness. Our tomcat, Mickey, decided to bring home a stray girlfriend during the rains and now her kittens are just starting to peek out from under the house. The neighbor's roosters keep everyone entertained as they strut their stuff through the wild mustard, and horses and cattle have once again been turned out to graze on our little hilltop. Sitting out on the front porch, watching the calves and colts kick and play, the hens trotting by with their broods, one can't escape the enthusiasm and feeling that this is a time for new beginnings.

As you know, Bradley has been through some difficult times lately and we've had to rethink our working relationship. While he is entrenched on the ground I have taken to the airwaves, becoming an Internet Activist, employing the arguments and strategies learned from the master. And guess what, folks? We're starting to make so much progress (we being all of us!) that I'm actually beginning to feel like we're on the winning side. This is not hype—I mean it with all sincerity. Our war-horses that have been embattled for so many decades, which have fought so bravely for intellectual freedom and historical truth, are finally receiving the respect they so richly deserve. They are finally being listened to. They are finally being encouraged. Indeed, this is a time for new beginnings.

I realize that so many of you who don't have computers are probably scratching your heads wondering what planet I'm on these days. If you're limited to the traditional media outlets it seems like business as usual. But on the Internet, where information flows freely through cyberspace, from one Internet Activist to another, around the globe in a matter of seconds, it's a whole different world.

Let me give you just one example. Most of you know that the usual culprits managed to pressure the Lebanese government into banning the scheduled conference on Zionism and Revisionism just this past March. But did you know this? The cancellation has been condemned by the majority of the Arab intellectual community.

Around the time that the Lebanese government was showing signs of caving into the US pressure to ban the conference, I read a message by Dr. Ibrahim Alloush on a Palestinian Right to Return list. (A list is much like a public bulletin board.) The Dr.'s message gently defended Revisionists against others on the list who had posted frantic messages that Arab association with Revisionists could only harm the Palestinian cause. I contacted Dr. Alloush and asked if he would post an appeal I had written, urging Arab intellectuals to work shoulder to shoulder with the Revisionists for the benefit of all. He very kindly posted my appeal, I introduced him to some of our leading Revisionists and voila! A new working relationship was formed.

Immediately after the conference was banned, Dr. Alloush informed several of us that the Jordanian Writers Association was going to sponsor a forum to discuss the cancellation. I was just sitting here minding my own business late one evening when we received a private email from Dr. Alloush informing us that he had been "invited for a cup of coffee" with the Chief of Police the following morning. I thought it strange at the time that he had sent this message shortly after 2:00 am Jordan time, but later learned that that's when he had received the summons. Imagine, calling citizens at 2:00 am to invite them for a cup of coffee.

After the "coffee" Dr. Alloush filled us in on what had happened. Rather than a friendly cup of coffee, the three men scheduled to speak at the forum (including Dr. Alloush) and the president of the Jordanian Writers Association were taken to the governor's office where they were told that they had to postpone the forum, "on orders from Prime Minister Ali Abu Ragheb, who was acting on orders from King Abdallah himself." Our friends refused! They defied their king in defense of intellectual freedom and free speech. The press, however, was notified by an unidentified source that the forum had been canceled so only a few dozen attended. A new forum date has now been set for April 22 and the organizers are reported to be even more enthusiastic.

Importantly, on the eve of the same day they had been sum-

moned, they attended a meeting of the Association against Zionism and Racism where there was standing room only. During the meeting, after the scheduled speakers, ". . .the whole event turned into an open discussion on the events of the day and the government's order to postpone the Forum on Historical Revisionism. Speaker after speaker rose up spontaneously to declare their support for revisionist historians. . .it was a fabulous gathering."

This is only one example of our progress in taking Revisionism to the people. It's a time for new beginnings, and we've begun. Keep the faith!

[McKenzie Paine is the pen name of our old friend Audrey.]

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more months, but I no longer have the time to put anything off. A number of you pointed to proofing issues that I will address.

If you have any further reactions or observations about the ms., I'm all ears. Let me hear from you. You might open a door that I would never have thought to open myself. When I first announced this work-in-progress I suggested I could do a first small printing in March. At that time I did not know how deeply my family life would intrude upon such plans. While a March printing is out of the question (we are already into April), I will go ahead with the work as efficiently as possible.

Australia's Jewish community has launched a court action against Frederick Toben, who has ignored an order that he apologize for defaming the memory of the dead. He did this by claiming on his Website that the Nazi gas chamber story is a fable.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry is seeking the enforcement of a Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission (HREOC) order against Toben. The commission, a government body, last October ordered German-born Toben to remove Holocaust revision material from his Adelaide Institute Website and apologize to the council's national vice-president Jeremy Jones.

In an interview for ABC Radio Toben said he might apologize if he had been tactless or crude, but not for stating that the gas chamber stories are an invention.

"I found out that the gas chambers never existed.... Truth will be my defense, because if you take away my freedom to think and to speak, then you take away my humanity."

How can it be said any more simply?

A new film, *The Grey Zone*, is being called "A Holocaust Horror Story Without a Schindler (NYT, Arts & Leisure, 7 January 2001). It's all about the sondercommandos who, in exchange for assisting in the extermination of fellow Jews "were granted privileges unavailable to the other inmates: after their 14-hour shifts, they would repair to their quarters above the crematorium, where they smoked and drank and read books and ate caviar and sausages...." Sondercommando quarters "above" the crematoriums? Whatever happened to them?

Paloma is doing very well in group, not so well in school. She keeps all her appointments, never leaves me in the lurch. She's very unhappy, has long fits of sobbing in her room. She refuses all consolation. We do have our laughs, we horse around, but she tells me she is going to leave, no matter what.

She likes to frighten me. She will hide in doorways, in the closets, sneak up on me when I'm working at the computer. Sometimes she's successful, sometimes not. Tonight she waited beside the television where the little hallway ends and when I passed she jumped out. It was one of those times when it worked. After the first instant, I saw the humor in it.

"Okay," I said. "You got me that time. I admit it. It was like a thread of electricity passed through my heart."

"I'm working up to a lightning bolt," she said. She was laughing happily "I'm training for the big one. The one. The one where you won't even know what hit you."

Wrote to Unlimited Publishing LLC, an Internet company that specializes in short-run , revenue sharing book publishing. Told them I have a controversial manuscript to publish and that I would like to know up front if they were interested in working with it. I attached the Preface and first chapter of ***HATE: A True Story*** and asked them to take a look at it.

Heard back from Danny O. Snow, UP's CEO.

> *We are certainly advocates of open discussion here, and we appreciate the chance to talk to you. Our concerns would be more in terms of liability and insurance issues, rather than political correctness. As you probably know, a lawsuit or boycott doesn't need to have real merit in order to hurt. However, I also think that intelligent people can often find ways to reduce their exposure to things like this ... Pls give me a couple days next week to talk to the partners, then let's "chat" again.*

I suggested that while there is little chance that UP will be sued, there is a significant chance that it will suffer a boycott. That's one of the ways revisionist theory is routinely suppressed.

The Jordanian Writer's Association in Amman was to hold a forum about "What Happened to the Revisionist Historians Conference in Beirut?" (see **SR** 78 for background). The Beirut conference was to take place on 30 March but the Lebanese Government banned it. The purpose of the Amman Forum, according to a

press release by Ibrahim Aloush, editor of the *Free Arab Voice*, was to give Arab intellectuals and writers an opportunity to defend freedom of expression in the Arab world and to "set the record straight on revisionist historians." The forum was to take place on 8 April in Amman but was banned by Jordanian authorities.

A supporter sends me three clippings from the *Modesto Bee* addressing the flap over the Horowitz ad on Black reparations. Modesto is a small town in a farming community north of Fresno in the San Joaquin Valley. The clippings are dated from 18 through 27 March.

The first is a straightforward news story distributed by the Associated Press. It deals primarily with Brown University, where Brown Interim President Sheila Blumstein supports the Brown *Daily Herald*. "The most effective response to ideas – even to ideas that might be deeply offensive – is not to silence them or intimidate those who espouse or publish them, but rather to develop effective opposing arguments through wider civil discourse."

The second is a column by Linda Bowles distributed by Creators Syndicate. She writes: " The First Amendment right to free speech does not apply to talk liberal intellectual do not wish to hear. Even professors need to watch their mouths. … If you say something liberals do not like, you are guilty of hate speech … Free speech is under attack in America, and liberals are leading the attack."

The third is a column by Black libertarian Thomas Sowell. It's headlined "Storm Troopers vs. Free Speech." He ridicules the idea of Black reparations, and ends with: "The painful irony is that those who are crying out against the slavery of the past include many who are trying to impose an enslavement of the mind today through storm trooper tactics. Those who are cowed into silence look pathetic when compared with those who fought slavery in the past."

What strikes me about these articles is how the scandal of Horowitz's ad has invaded the consciousness of the readers of a small-town newspaper in a California farming community. I suspect it's happening all over America.

An AP story in the *Dayton Daily News* (14 March) informs me that "Morton Downy Jr., Pioneer of "Trash TV' Genre, Dies at 68." The Morton Downey Jr. show went national in 1989 and was a great success. "Downy would go nose-to-nose with his guests, spittle and insults flying. He deliberately blew cigarette smoke in their faces, and his out bursts sometimes provoked shrieking arguments … and it wasn't' long before critics were bemoaning the end of civil discourse in America.

I did the Downey show one evening in the early 1990s. His studio was across the Hudson River in Fort Lee NJ. That night I thought the interview was going rather well. I had an agreement with Downy that during commercials he would not show the old films of the mass graves at Bergen-Belsen and so on without giving me a chance to comment on them. He broke his word, exhibited the film, and then would not let me address it. Then, as the interview was ending he began insulting me in the most vicious and obscene manner. I was rather set back. It was one of the few times I got angry doing an interview. We were sitting across a desk from one another and I began measuring the distance between my right fist and the end of Morton's nose. I have never come closer to nailing someone, without nailing him, than I did that night. I was a nanosecond away from punching him out on camera before a national television audience. He was leaning forward over the desk and I could have reached the target. I can still feel the impulse that surged through me. I managed to hold back.

Fritz Berg and some other revisionists were in the audience that evening. After I left the stage and Downey was having some back and forth with the audience, Fritz went up stage and confronted Downey across the desk. He offered to go one on one with Downey right then and there. Downey calmed down instantly. Afterwards we all went out to eat then returned to Fritz's house and had a fine evening. I used to have audiocassettes of the before and after, and a video of the interview itself, but it looks like they have gotten lost in my travels.

As for Morton Downey Jr. -- may he rest in peace.

[*Thanks to D.D. in North Carolina for forwarding this clipping*].

St. Cloud U, Minnesota's second largest university, is embroiled in a bitter controversy over charges of anti-Semitism among the faculty and administration, according to a 1 April story in the Washington Post and authored by the noted journalist William Claiborne.

Claiborne notes that the University has 750 faculty members, 15 of which are Jews, and 15,000 students of which perhaps a dozen are Jews, something of an anomaly. Nevertheless, the number of Holocaust courses taught each year at St. Cloud has been increased from two in 1986 to 16 now and the university's six-year-old "Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, has stepped up is program of cultural education" so we have nothing to worry about.

Among other complaints, some of which may have something to them for all I know, is that "last year, a 24-page supplement contending that the Holocaust was a hoax was inserted into the campus newspaper." That reference is to CODOH's *The Revisionist*, which were inserted into 5,000 copies of the *University Chronicle* on 29 March 2000. The next issue of the *Chronicle* exhibited the now infamous photograph – it's on the Internet on CODOHWeb -- of a Jewish professor leading a public burning of *The Revisionist*.

How many of the three dozen Jewish faculty members and students protested this Goebbels-like insult to the ideal of intellectual freedom? How many of the 15,750 other professors and students protested it? I didn't hear of any, which gives us some idea of the work that lies before us.

On 10 April Mark Weber, director of the Institute for Historical Review, distributed an "An Open Letter to Fourteen Arab Intellectuals." The fourteen were the guys who urged the Lebanese government to cancel the revisionist conference that was to be held in Beirut. It's a good, strong letter. Here are a few excerpts from it:

> *Recently you issued a public statement calling on authorities in Lebanon to ban the "Revisionism and Zionism" conference in Beirut, scheduled for March 31 through April 3, which our Institute had been helping to organize. (This was reported, for example, in Le Monde, March 16.)*
>
> *Your call came shortly after three major Jewish-Zionist organizations— the World Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center—denounced the meeting and demanded that Lebanon forbid it. Not surprisingly, Israel's ambassador in France publicly praised your statement.*
>
> *Your call to Lebanese authorities to forbid a peaceful, privately-organized meeting of scholars, writers and researchers that would be perfectly legal in most countries, including the United States, is a blow against the cause of freedom, peace and justice.*
>
> *Is it your view that such individuals should not be permitted to speak anywhere, or just not in Lebanon, or just not at a meeting organized by the IHR? Is your call for censorship limited to Lebanon, or may we expect calls from you to ban similar meetings in France, Canada, the United States, and other countries? Consistent with your call to ban the "Revisionism and Zionism" meeting, may we now expect your support for censorship of revisionist books, magazines and broadcasts?*

Picked up my tax return today from H&R Block. My total taxable income for last year is $10,901. On that amount I owe $1,614. I'll send them $400 maybe and pay the rest on installments. Fifteen year's work.

I recall speaking at an IHR conference a few years ago when I asked rhetorically "What makes me such a good Holocaust revisionist activist?" I noted two things: one was that I persevered year after year after year. The other was that I always put revisionism first and my family second. I was joking around. It got a good laugh. I remember one woman in the audience shaking her head "no." She meant to tell me that I had it backwards. Now I have a daughter who needs special care and the only places where she can get it are beyond my ability to pay. Now it's not so funny.

We increasingly hear of a growing interest in revisionism among Arabs. The biggest single event to have precipitated this turnabout appears to have been the publication in France of ex-communist-turned-Muslim Roger Garaudy's *The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics,* and his lecture tours through Arab and Moslem capitals in the Middle East. Last year *Myth* was published in English by the Institute for Historical Review. Two years before that we had published it in English on CODOHWeb.

In America, Arab and Muslim organizations have been unwilling to associate publicly with revisionists. So I was pleasantly surprised in January when I was contacted by the Muslim Student Association at University of California-San Diego. The previous semester I had paid to insert a copy of *The Revisionist* in 11,000 copies of the UCSD *Daily Aztec*. Muslims students had gone to CODOHWeb, which was my purpose with distributing **TR.** Now they were preparing to present an "Anti-Zionism Week" at UCSD and thought perhaps I could be a speaker. I was to present myself at a special planning meeting of the MSA at UCSD. I was happy to oblige.

Meanwhile, my wife had been in an accident on the coast road south of Puerto Nuevo in Baja. A couple drunken women had hit her so hard that they broke the rear axle of our car. No one was hurt, but now I would have to get to UCSD by bus. In the event, the bus from Rosarito passed through the hill town of La Gloria. At that time Paloma was institutionalized there in a primitive detox center. Knowing that my daughter was just up the street from where I was passing in the bus was heart wrenching. Then, at the frontier I got off the bus at the wrong place and had to walk in the rain for a mile or so before I could cross the riverbed. I reached the meeting place in San Ysidro at just the appointed hour. I was met by the Egyptian-American student who was to drive me up to the university.

It was the first time I had addressed an Arab or Muslim audience. I presented the case for intellectual freedom being in the best interest of Palestinians just as it is for revisionists, for exactly the same reasons. There was some interest, but not enough. They really wanted me to attack Zionism, not argue for intellectual freedom. In the end, I was informed that I would not be invited to speak. Nevertheless, it was a worthwhile experience for me.

Later I received an email communication from the UCSD Muslim Association.

> *Here is the student flyer we sent out to the school. Da Zionists are going crazy. The school keeps getting phone calls. They paid $750 to run a full page add about Zionism being about "establishing a pluralistic society and a modern democracy." What a bunch of crap. The school paper is publishing a three-week series on our anti-semitic activities. If that doesn't show Zionists have control over media I don't know what will. Guess I'm an anti-Semite, holocaust denier. Peace, (name withheld by SR).*

The flyer contained telling quotes about the history of Zionist/Israeli policies in the Middle East, and appended was a schedule of events organized by the Muslim Students' Association that would last through the entire month of February.

A supporter in Washington D.C. sends me a full-page advertisement from the *Washington Times* (19 March) titled "An Open Letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Headlined: ESTABLISH A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR ISRAEL, it was signed by the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Muslim American Society, the Muslim Public Affairs Council, the American Muslim Alliance, the Islamic Society of North America, the Islamic Circle of North America, the American Muslims for Jerusalem, and (I was pleased to read) the Muslim Students' Association of the US and Canada.

MONTREAL. (*The Jewish Tribune,* 5 April 2001). "An anti-Israel dominated slate will govern the Concordia Student Union (CSU) beginning in the next school year, but officials from B'nai B'rith Canada and the Hillel Jewish Student Centre insist they will be ready.

"In one of the most controversial student elections ever held at Concordia, the left-wing ACCESS (Muslim) group won a majority of seats on the CSU last week. The ballot also included a 'referendum question' asking whether Canada should cut diplomatic and economic ties with Israel." The "Yes" side won.

The story reports "The Arab students are very persistent. There seem to be exhibitions and tables attacking Israel almost every day. As a result Jewish students feel under siege from this barrage of propaganda ... Both Rector Frederick Lowy and Provost Jack Lightstone are Jewish." The story then informs us that "It is very difficult for a Jewish-led administration to clamp down on freedom of speech."

I hadn't known that. I had thought over the last ten years that Jewish led (an influenced) administrations are pretty good at clamping down on freedom of speech. In any event, here we have Muslims, and Arabs in particular, acting out on a Canadian university campus. Music to my ears. And I should think that this news would bring a small smile to our friend Ernst Zuendel.

I used the Internet to submit a small ad to *The Concordian.* A gesture of solidarity.

Germar Rudolf, the absolutely indefatigable German revisionist and Web master, informs us that his Website, <vho.com > has surpassed CODOH in the number of documents being accessed, and the amount of information being downloaded. We send our congratulations!

If only every revisionist Website on the Internet stored a larger archive of revisionist documents than CODOH does, and every revisionist site produced more downloads that CODOH – can you imagine where we would be?

While the great majority of documents on Germar's site are in German, I do not see that as a minus but as a great plus. Isn't it the Germans who we want to bring into revisionism? Isn't it the Germans who need revisionism most? This is a great feat that Germar has pulled off. And he is not slighting English language documents. He is also providing his readers, document by document, every important paper ever published in the *Journal of Historical Review.* In short, he is doing a great deal of work, and he is doing it in great fashion.

My daughter Paloma disappeared on Saturday 7 April. We have heard that she has been sighted in Baja. My primary feeling is that I am very glad to find that she is most likely alive. I don't know exactly what to do. My wife is working on it there, I'm working on it here.

THE MOST POPULAR PAGES ON CODOHWEB FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2001

George Orwell
-- Richard Widmann

Speech of Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler at Posen 4 October 1943,
-- trans. Carlos Porter

How Fahrenheit 451 Trends Threaten Intellectual Freedom,
-- Richard Widmann

The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics, -- Roger Garaudy

The Suppressed Eichmann and Goebbels Papers, -- David Irving

Zyklon B and the German Delousing Chambers, -- Friedrich P. Berg

Defending Against the Allied Bombing Campaign: Air Raid Shelters and Gas Protection in Germany, 1939-1945, -- Samuel Crowell

Hitler's War: An Introduction to the New Edition, -- David Irving

The Revisionist Store, by CODOH

Bild-»Dokumente« zur NS-Judenverfolgung? -- Udo Walendy

Note: Files listed have the highest number of accesses for the month.

I feel greatly indebted to those of you who are helping me at this peculiar juncture in my life. There really is -- no one else.

Bradley

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David Irving is to speak at the Oxford Union on 15 May. Irving will contest the motion that "this house would restrict the free speech of extremists." He will debate the motion with Richard Rampton, QC, who defended the American scholar Deborah Lipstadt during the recent trial in London after she accused him of falsifying history.

The decision to invite Irving to speak was criticized by the Anti-Nazi League and the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The Union has invited four guests in all to take part in the debate. John Sentamu, the Bishop of Stepney, will speak for the motion and Rohan Jayasekera, director of the Index on Censorship, will speak against it.

An invitation to Irving to appear in the debating chamber Reform Club, was cancelled after protests. His topic was to

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What are the Facts of the Holocaust Story?

Do Zionist Ambitions and Inhumane Israeli State Policies Belong in the Discussion?

Below are excerpts from one exchange in David Thomas's Revisionist Discussion Forum on CODOHWeb. Discussions in this Forum alone are being accessed thousands of times in any 24-hour period. Those who access the Forums but do not post in them – they are the great majority -- are called "lurkers." They are our readers. Internet lurkers are exactly like those of us who read newspapers and listen to the news on television every day but do not write "letters to the editor." We are the "lurkers" mainline media, using it to inform our views of life and the world. The CODOH Discussion Groups are for those who want to learn what revisionist theory is all about without necessarily posting (writing) to the Forum. Like many of us who do not reveal our identity as revisionists lightly, CODOHWeb readers will sign their communications with pen names. All the following exchanges, and these are typical, took place the last week in April 2001. --BRS

Richard Murphy. As a new poster, and amateur historian of the Wehrmacht but not the whole span of the Third Reich

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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report *and the issues it addresses. I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I can not reply to correspondence. I just don't have enough hours in the day. I have space to print a very small number of your letters. If you do not want your name published in* **SR**,

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Following is a letter written to a third party rather than to ***Smith's Report****. I seldom print such letters. The author of this letter is a reader of* ***SR*** *and has done work for CODOHWeb as well. Like most of us, he must use a pen name. In this case he has chosen to sign his John Doe as "Septic Skeptic," which you will find more amusing than it appears at first glance.*

Amazon.com is one of two or three of the largest retail booksellers in the world. It sells only via the Internet. It quotes from reviews by professionals on titles it features. Amazon has been featuring Denying History: Who Says the Holocaust Never Happened and Why Do They Say It? *by Michael Shermer and Alex Grobman. Amazon's Editorial Reviews are uniformly adulatory. Shermer is the publisher of Skeptic magazine and is lecturing about revisionism all over the country.*

Booklist (American Library Association). "History professor Shermer and Holocaust scholar Grobman analyze the attitudes and arguments of Holocaust deniers, who assert that there were "no gas chambers, no six million murdered, no master plan." [They] profile the most influential of the deniers, including Mark Weber, director of the anti-Semitic Institute for Historical Review, and David Irving …."

Library Journal. "... lays a framework for examining how we know that any historical event actually happened. Fascinating and thorough."

Yehuda Bauer. "Michael Shermer and Alex Grobman provide the necessary ammunition to confront one of the basest phenomena in today's academic world [… and …] to answer those who, usually motivated by pro-Nazi sympathies and antisemitism, deny or corrupt facts."

Publishers Weekly. "Holocaust denial gets an inventively thorough treatment in this important book."

The Los Angeles Times Book Review. "Shows. (…) how Holocaust deniers wrest sinister untruths from the documentary evidence…."

Robert Jan van Pelt. "An excellent and timely book …."

Franklin H. Littell. (President, The Philadelphia Center on the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights) "Like cancer, HIV, and influenza, Holocaust denial is a drain on human resources, energy, and creativity."

But now we get a different perspective on the book. On 23 April our own Septic Skeptic, having read Shermer and Grobman's opus, submitted his own review of the book to Amazon.com, the review was accepted, and as of this writing (7 May) the review is still there for all the world to read.

The Septic Skeptic. "This book is about what I had expected, so I cannot say I found it disappointing. Its treatment of Holocaust revisionism is superficial at best and dishonest otherwise. Having read most of the revisionist works cited by Dr. Shermer I can honestly respond when he writes that: 'we hope our book has not only provided a thorough and thoughtful answer to all the claims of the Holocaust deniers, but also clearly presents the convergence of evidence of how we know the Holocaust (or anything in history) happened….' that [he has] not even come close.

"It is for good reason the subtitle of the book is: 'Who says the Holocaust never happened and why do they say it?" and not "what they say and why are they mistaken.' Dr. Shermer spends most of the book attacking men and motives rather than answering the arguments or claims of revisionists. If people want to know what revisionists really claim, they can read some of their books for themselves [or go to] Websites like vho.org, ihr.org, codoh.org and russgranata.com. Read some of the essays there.

"As for Dr. Shermer's 'convergence of evidence,' I learned this concept under a different name in religion class. There it was called 'leap of faith.' Early in the book the authors state that revisionists prey on people's ignorance. It was my experience to find quite the opposite to be the case. The more I learned about the Holocaust the less I believed it. As I continued to read about it, disbelief grew into a knowledge of what actually happened and why major aspects of Holocaust story are false.

"This book is a failure. It doesn't even address most revisionist research much less answer all revisionist arguments or claims. As I was reading it, my wife kept asking me: 'What's so funny?'"

What we have here then is a revisionist reaction to a book uniformly praised by the professionals, on the most widely accessed bookseller's page on the Internet or anywhere else in the world. At the same time, the addresses of four major revisionist Websites are displayed – most likely to readers who have never before read anything about revisionist theory. This is likely one of the contributing factors to the increase of accesses to revisionist documents on CODOHWeb.

As an aside, I can not refrain from recalling, yet once again, that Dr. Franklin H. Littell is the religious egghead who has written of me that I am an expression of "the One who goes back and forth in the earth and up and down in it." I never fail to feel a little rush when I come across the good Doctor's name.

And then I note that Yehuda Bauer is careful to write very carefully that revisionists are "usually" motivated by pro-Nazi sympathies and antisemitism…." This is exactly where these professors, without yet realizing it, have put themselves in a box. What are they going to do with those of us who are not motivated by what they need us to be motivated by? One day they are going to have to deal with us.

That's the day when the game will be up.

How bad can it get? Reading your condition statement in the current newsletter (SR79) is very troubling. I'm certain there is a light at the end of the tunnel – and I don't mean the California Zephyr heading for you at full speed. I'll fire off a small stipend to your Visalia address today just in case it might keep you away from tall buildings, razor blades, and other similar instruments of self-destruction. See you later, and best wishes.

D.M., CA

I like funny guys, and then of course small stipends keep me out of all kinds of trouble. Thanks.

(though my chosen specialty invariably leads me into discussions of this type), I would like to ask you all what was to be gained (by anyone) by creating the story about the Holocaust if, as some assert, it did not happen?

Braveheart In a material sense, the Holocaust is used as an excuse to perpetuate the State of Israel. In a cultural/ethnic sense, the Holocaust is tremendously valuable to the Jewish community. It allows all Jews of all denominations to unite in the face of any possible threat of renewed anti-Semitism. In the June 22, 2000 edition of the *Newark Star-Ledger*, the results of a poll of Jews were published. They were asked, "There are many ways of being Jewish. How much, if at all, are the following factors important to your Jewishness?"

The factor, "Remembering the Holocaust", was the most important aspect of being Jewish according to 73% of the Jews polled. In other words, three out of four Jews believe that in order to best be Jewish, you have to remember the Holocaust. As for the factor "Believing in God", only 54% said that belief in God was very important to being Jewish. So there you have it - belief in the Holocaust is more important than belief in Yahweh for contemporary Jews.

Ralph Marquardt That attitude is simplistic and naive. Certainly NS Germany persecuted the Jewish people. Most Jews under Nazi control were taken from their homes, put in camps, robbed, and used for forced labor. The death rate was very high. In addition, perhaps hundreds of thousands were shot, either by NS Germans or by agents of NS German puppets. So—that's the Holocaust. There are basically three threads to the Holocaust revisionist debate.

The first is an impressionistic one. There are a lot of Germans and people who identify with Germany who can't handle the simple fact that during WW2 the Germans killed a lot of Jews. They try to minimize it, explain it away, excuse it. This may not be very nice, but common among super-patriot types. Consider the French and Algeria, Israel and Deir Yassin, the US and the Indian exterminations, or the US and slavery. It's always the same: "Well, it wasn't *that* bad." Or "Well, so and so did such and such, and they couldn't really help it." You can also find the same kind of excuse mongering about US strategic and nuclear bombing, Vietnam, and many other things as well.

That is the part of "Denial" that freaks everyone out but it's really just a point of view. It's confusing perhaps because of a belief that allegiance and devotion to a nation is incompatible with admitting that nation's sins. It's the same with individual relationships. It's hard for most people to say "Sorry" or to admit that they have done something wrong. Furthermore, when you get people—like Bill Clinton—who are addicted to apologizing you get a kind of queasy feeling. Frankly, as far as Germany goes, I think they need a little healthy patriotism and a lot less of this constant breast beating, which at 55 years remove is phony and self-indulgent.

The second thread of revisionism is the way the Holocaust is exploited to support Israel, provide Jewish identity, etc. Thanks to Peter Novick, Finkelstein and other Jews, that message has finally been mainstreamed. But revisionists—beginning with Paul Rassinier—have been saying it for over forty years. That thread has petered out for revisionists.

The third thread really comes down to whether or not the Germans systematically murdered three million Jews in a half dozen locations, each one not much bigger than your average Wal-Mart. That idea is absolutely idiotic once you start to think about it, but the problem is that in 1945 people were not in a particularly rational frame of mind. They believed it, and the communists in Eastern Europe cooked just enough evidence so everyone *could* believe it. The extermination camp/gas chamber idea is the weak link in the Holocaust story. That's why revisionists fastened on it originally. It was the main way to decrease the Holocaust's impact in demonizing Germany. Since then however revisionism has attracted a lot of people—like me—who just don't believe the extermination camp/gas chamber idea and don't believe it serves anyone's interests—least of all those of Jews—to put people in jail over it.

However, while a half hour of reasoning will convince the normal person that the extermination camp/gas chamber stories are phony, it has to be stressed that Jews do not tend to be rational about this subject, but highly emotional. That's why they allowed the revisionists to get their goat in the beginning, and why, judging by recent reactions, the revisionists still have that goat. It also doesn't help that many revisionists couple their historical critiques with gratuitous Israel bashing and complaints that the "Jews made it all up," both tactics likely to inspire paranoid reactions.

In short, the Holocaust wasn't "created", there was a "Holocaust" in the sense that the Jews of Europe were persecuted, robbed, locked up, put to work, shot, and died in large numbers (I have no idea how many and I don't think it matters). But the idea of extermination camps/gas chambers in which 3 million Jews according to plan systematically executed with pesticide or auto exhaust using the latest scientific techniques blah blah blah, is false. Still, in 1945 everyone believed it. The tragic error is that the IMT validated that popular belief. End of story.

If I read my tea leaves right, the giving up of the gas chamber/extermination camp fable will lead to a tremendous sigh of relief among both revisionists and Jews.

Dubhghall. Is it "gratuitous Israel bashing" to assert that the Zionist State benefits from world belief in the phony "Holocaust" so well described two posts up? Or that the policies of Israel resemble those of the German Nazis? Or that the Palestinians are the victims of a carefully thought-out ethnic cleansing? If not, can someone explain what it does mean and who does it here? Personally, I haven't noticed any Israel-bashing here that was "gratuitous," in the sense of being unsupported by fact.

Ralph Marquardt I mean gratuitous in the sense of uncalled-for. If someone wants to bash Israel, go ahead, but to bash Israel while at the same time arguing no gas chambers is going to lead any Jew within earshot to think that the one is being disputed in order to get at the other. More, since Israel and the Big H are big to most Jews, they are liable to think that the person so arguing simply has a thing about Jews.

That's why I say, make a choice. One or the other. I prefer getting the facts right about the Big H. than solving the problems of the Middle East. By the way, just assuming that all the Israelis pack up and move to—I dunno, Southern California? —who's going to take over Palestine? Someone who will allow easy access to Holy sites for Christians and Jews? Someone who will allow the US to test its fancy weapons systems and keep our military industrial complex humming? Someone who will not create a threat to Suez, or destabilize the Middle East generally? Just wondering.

Yes, Israel is screwed up. It is fighting a battle for the survival or the Jewish people – or so it thinks. They aren't going to give it up because I say so. They need reasonable alternatives.

Dubhghall What reasonable alternative do you offer to the embattled Israelis, under siege by those aggressive Palestinians? Let's see if I've got it.

Many Jews are very sensitive about any criticism of the Zionist State or "the Holocaust". They are upset if one does not view these subjects in the "accepted" fashion. Both of them. Very upset -- even hostile. Since the very purpose of this board is a critical discussion of "the Holocaust" (Norman Finkelstein definition here) and we don't want to drop that, this means that we should go a little easy on the Israeli criticism. In this sense, criticism of Israel linked to "the Holocaust" is to be specially understood here to be "gratuitous Israel bashing" or "snarling," even though all of us (or most of us) know that the canonical Holocaust is the main political and emotional rationale for the Zionist state of Israel (at least for the goyim -- for many Jews it has a religious basis).

OK, I think I've got it. If we are nicer to the Jews - in this case not mentioning the linkage of Zionism and "the Holocaust" - then Jews may see the reasonableness of our revisionism. It hasn't worked yet, but maybe it will in the future. Now who is going to tell them about our new offer?

Ralph Marquardt One can link the Holocaust and Zionism all one wants. Finkelstein does it all the time without disputing Holocaust facts. Disputing Holocaust facts is what revisionism tries to do. This is not a case of being reasonable, but of being persuasive. I have been involved in communicating about this topic for several years now. I can say that I have had exchanges with several Jews privately who are willing to accept—again, to me privately—that the gas chamber stories might be all screwed up but they are not willing to listen if someone couples that argument with anti-Jewish or anti-Israel invective.

This is not a question of doing an end around the publishing establishment. The Internet has solved that problem. It's a question of *persuading* the experts in the relevant fields that the H. story has false elements that need to be rectified. But neither a Jewish nor a non-Jewish professor of history, or professional egghead, or Op Ed columnist will *listen* if criticism of the Holocaust story is coupled with anti-Zionism or general anti-Jewish sentiments. That's just a fact. No one is stopping people (in the US) from reading revisionist history today. No one is preventing people from thinking what they please in the US. The censorship movement got a severe blow simultaneous with the Irving trial. So what's left? Persuading the people who write the influential books to change their minds about what happened during WW2. That can only be achieved by fact-based analyses where *any* rhetoric (pro-German, anti-Israel, anti-Jewish, pro-Arab) is kept to a minimum.

Or, if one is hung up on Israel's bad conduct, getting people to change their minds about accepting such conduct. For that, one doesn't have to bring up the H at all. It's fighting a war on two fronts for no good reason. One can do the first, or the second. But if one tries to do both at the same time, one will succeed at neither. Again, that's just a fact. The reason why revisionism has had only modest success over the years is that it has usually failed to separate the two types of criticism. (That and the fact that it has tended to be totally insensitive to Jewish feelings on the subject, which is counter-productive, because the H is a Jewish story, and it won't be revised until Jews feel like revising it.)

Some revisionists, as a result of being ignored, have tried to console themselves that the change in the paradigm when the gas chambers go under will cause a kind of Fouriesque transformation of reality. False. It has never worked that way in the past and it won't work that way now. Germany isn't going to get its old lands back either, unless they re-colonize them. That too is a fact. Try to understand the other guy's point of view.

"I hear you, but, sorry, I don't believe there were any gas chambers."

"Well, OK, but—how do you explain all this other anti-Israeli, anti-Jewish stuff?" In response to that question revisionists can usually do little better than to blame it on Jews which is a total non-starter. It's not complicated.

Hannover Try as one might to approach the 'holocaust' without damning the Jews, it will be useless in the long run because of the 'malice of forethought' that has been part & parcel to this fraud from day one, and has destroyed untold numbers of innocent lives. Jews know that as Revisionist views gain strength, they (Jews) come out stinking to high heaven regardless of how Revisionists present their views. Why? Because I believe that many, many Jews in leadership positions & otherwise, know full well that the story is a fraud as alleged, truth doesn't matter. It's often said ... "Once you lie, you must continue to lie in an attempt to cover the previous lies." Ultimately it falls apart, and that is what we are beginning to see now. Revisionists do not need the blessings of Jews, nor will we get it, regardless of approach.

Ralph Marquardt There's an old joke about an American who goes to Moscow and his host keeps bragging about how the subway system is always on time. So they go down there—way down, because East Euro subways are meant to double as bomb shelters—and they wait for the train. It is not on time. It's 10 minutes late. It's 20 minutes late. After about 40 minutes the American turns to his host, clears his throat and says, "Excuse me, but where's the train?" His host snarls, "I don't know where it is, but at least we didn't exterminate any Indians."

I guess what I'm trying to say is that it is either the subway train or the Indians. Put 'em together and it just doesn't work.

The most troubling, words for me in the above exchange are these by Ralph Marquardt. "... make a choice. One or the other. I prefer getting the facts right about the Big H. to solving the problems of the Middle East." Strictly speaking, revisionist theory does not address Zionism or the Middle East. Just the facts, gentlemen, about the extermination camp/gas chamber charges. At the same time, I agree that the H. story is and always was used to legitimate the invasion of Palestine by European Jews. I believe Marquardt would probably agree it is and always was.

The Middle East is where the suffering is (it's everywhere else too). Do I want to focus on getting the H. facts straight before helping to stop the suffering in Palestine and Israel? Are historical facts more important than those persons who live and suffer today? Depends who you think you are.

One afternoon last summer I had a late lunch with Ernst Zuendel. He spoke passionately about the anti-German cruelty of the H. story, how it debases German culture, which entails the suffering, the cruel debasement of the psychological and spiritual lives of all Germans. As Billy Carter might have said: "And there's a hell of a lot more Germans than there are Jews."

I agree with almost everything written by everyone in the above exchange. Tactics are not writ in concrete. The situation is always changing, tactics are always changing. Tactics have to do with what works. Sometimes we decide to go with what we feel is right, whether it's going to work or not. In the end, after all, not very much works. -- BRS

Beirut Conference on Revisionism and Zionism. The Leaders of the Arab States should Quit their Silence on the Imposture of the "Holocaust"

Robert Faurisson

(*Following are "Five Introductory Remarks" to the paper by Professor Faurisson that was to delivered at the ill-fated Beirut revisionist conference on 31 March. The 7,000-word paper itself is too long to be re-printed here in its entirety, but the "Introductory Remarks" alone are so trenchant we thought you would like to have them.*)

1 I do mean "the leaders", and not: "the intellectuals, the academics, the journalists" some of whom have already expressed themselves on the matter;

2 The word "Holocaust" (always to be placed in quotation marks) designates the triple myth of the alleged genocide of the Jews, the alleged Nazi gas chambers and the alleged number of six million Jewish victims of the Second World War. In the course of a history full of fury, blood and fire, humanity has known a hundred holocausts, that is, appalling losses of human life or bloody catastrophes (presented, at the origin of the word's use in this manner, as a sort of offering demanded by some superior forces); but our contemporaries have been conditioned to keep in mind only one holocaust, that of the Jews; it is written today with a capital letter, and has become unique: there is no longer the need to add "of the Jews". None of the other previous holocausts has given rise to any financial indemnity, reparation or compensation to match those which the Jews have claimed and obtained for a catastrophe or "Shoah" which they describe as unique and unprecedented, and which would, in effect, be so if its three components (genocide, Nazi gas chambers and six million victims) had been real. If many Euro-

pean Jews suffered and died during the war in question, without that suffering's amounting to what today's Jews mean by the term "Holocaust", many other peoples and communities, in particular the Germans, the Japanese, the Russians and the Chinese, suffered, in reality, a fate far worse than that of the Jews; let us but think of the phosphorous- or nuclear-fuelled firestorms in which at least a million Germans and Japanese met an atrocious death (and what of the wounded and mutilated?). It is, moreover, fitting to add that millions of European Jews survived this alleged policy of physical extermination to go on to enjoy, after the war, a power and a prosperity without precedent in their history. To privilege, as is thus done, the alleged "Holocaust" is to inflate Jewish suffering beyond all measure in both quality and quantity and to reduce, in direct proportion, the suffering of all others, none of whose ordeals receives even so much as a specific name;

3 Imposture is an imposed lie; here it is a question of a historical lie, meaning that, forged by liars or fabricators of outlandish tales, it has subsequently been adopted by an ever-expanding number of people who, in good faith or bad, have peddled it; in the event, we are thus dealing with a tiny number of liars and a plethora of peddlers;

4 The opposite of such a lie, fabricated or peddled, is the factual truth. Still, as the word "truth" is vague and overused, I prefer exactitude. Revisionism consists in trying to examine and correct what is generally accepted with a view to establishing with exactitude the nature of an object, the reality of a fact, the worth of a figure, the authenticity, the veracity and the import of a text or document;

5 Zionism is an ideology whilst revisionism is a method.

As a revisionist I shall be making a judgement less of Zionism itself (at the dawn of the 21st century) than on the use which it makes of the "Holocaust" imposture.

If the leaders of the Muslim states planned to quit their silence on this imposture and if, in so doing, they put a challenge to the Jewish and Zionist lobby, they would obviously need first a) to make a proper sizing up of the adversary, then b) to decide on an appropriate strategy and, finally, c) to determine the exact area on which to concentrate their attacks. To discuss these three points, I shall divide my talk into three parts.

In a first part, in order to avoid any mistakes as to the opponents' identity and to ensure that they are correctly sized up, I shall expound on what are, in my view, the seeming weak points of the Jews and Zionists, then on their true weak points. In a second part, concerning the strategy to adopt, I shall sum up certain conclusions that I reached, in November 2000, during my visit to Teheran, in the company of representatives of the Centre of Strategic Studies of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Finally, in a third part, I shall designate the precise target to hit: "the magic Nazi gas chamber" (as Louis-Ferdinand Celine put it).

(If you would like to have the full 7,000 word paper by Dr. Faurisson, please send along $10 or so and I'll send it along.)

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Libel with Freedom of Speech". But Jonathan Marshall of the university's Keble College, Joint-President of the Oxford Reform Club, informed Mr. Irving (4 October 2000) that:

> *" .. it is clear that we would need to implement special security measures to ensure the safety of all those who wanted to be present. According to University statues, such a cost would have to be borne by the Oxford Reform Club. As you will no doubt appreciate, we are not a rich society, and we simply could not afford to pay such costs."*

A few years ago when I planned to speak throughout Southern California, at campuses to which I could drive at a nominal cost in time and money, I was quickly stymied. I spoke at California State U-Long Beach where it went off without a hitch. Then I spoke at U Southern California and there were problems. Shooting threats, the lecture room being changed at the last moment, attendees having to submit to a search for weapons, the usual. After that I found that I was being asked to buy insurance to speak on campus. Property insurance and personal liability insurance. The costs were prohibitive for me at that time. My campus speaking career was finished.

Violence, or the threat of violence, are the only tools available to those who want to suppress intellectual freedom.

Germar Rudolf, on the day I sent **SR79** to the printers, distributed an email communication providing additional details regarding accesses to his Website <vho.org> and the downloading of materials. He appears to be rather surprised to find that some "50% of all vho.org downloads and some 35% of all file {originate with] the French Website aaargh.vho.org, not by vho.org itself.'

On <vho.org> (not "vho.com" as I had it in **SR79**) the section accessed most heavily is still the German, mainly Rudolf's own *Grundlagen zur Zeitgeschichte* (*Dissecting the Holocaust*) and his *Journal*. In the French section <aaargh-international> Rassinier is the strongest draw, which is fitting, as Rassinier is the one who really started it all, followed by Faurisson and the News section. In the English section of Rudolf's site the *Journal of Historical Review* draws the most hits. Rudolf has set a goal for himself to post the contents of every issue of the JHR that has ever been published. Let's see what the censors do about this.

So it turns out that the French are accessing Germar's German Website almost as much as the Germans are. A

unique Franco/German alliance. Nothing wrong with that.

"Marketing Ashes" is the title of an article published in the Palestinian Authority daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (13 April). The title alone is worth the price of admission. Here are a few excerpts from the piece.

"The issue of the holocaust rises again. It defies disappearing over its half-century because Zionist propaganda has converted it into a means to produce political and economic benefit, besides exploiting it for the advancement of occupation and settlement...."

"By and large, the Zionist movement cannot tolerate inactivity in any facet of the holocaust profession, especially since intelligentsia from around the globe have begun addressing the corresponding holocaust, that is, the one the Hebrew State is bringing upon the Palestinians."

"The question now discussed in the halls of the universities and the renowned publishing houses in the world's capitols is: has this hen reached its expiration date, which lays golden eggs for the Jews everywhere?"

It's been five days since Paloma disappeared. The apartment is unbearably empty. Every morning I go out walking on Mooney Boulevard to be in the presence of others. Sometimes I try to stop thinking, to just walk. I try to only listen, or to only see, or to be only aware of the body moving itself along. I can stop the thinking for only one moment at a time, then it is there again going over and over the same stuff. In those rare moments when I am aware without thinking I see how insignificant this body is, how tiny this nice little city of 95,000, how I am a mere speck among the billions that walk the same planet this body wanders over.

Every evening after dark, when the apartment is unbearably empty, I go out walking to be in the presence of the others. Sometimes I try to see the lights of the storefronts and the red or white lights on the automobiles coming and going without thinking. Sometimes I try to only listen to the motors and the tires of the cars passing, the voices talking or laughing, the sounds the birds make. I didn't know the birds made night sounds right there on the boulevard. When I look up, the stars appear to be there just like they were when I was a boy, but I am told now that each is streaking out through one heaven after another, growing increasingly farther apart from the other. And I realize that while I fear for the safety of my daughter, my anguish is not for her but for myself, for my own awful loss, a kind of self-pity.

John Bennett is President of the Australian Civil Liberties Union, was a speaker at several IHR conferences, and is a personal friend from the 1980s. For going on three decades he has published a legal aid booklet for laymen titled *Your Rights*. I recently the 104-page, 27th edition for 2001. *Your Rights* is a consistently wide-ranging overview of citizen's legal rights under Australian law. In each edition of *YR* there is a section on Freedom of Speech and Censorship.

The 2001 edition includes reprints of two recent articles first published in the *Journal of Historical Review* by Mark Weber: "Australian Tribunal Orders Censorship of Adelaide Institute Web Site" and "Judge Gray's Harsh but Predictable Ruling: The Irving-Lipstadt Trial."

Two articles follow these by Bennett himself. "Holocaustomania?" deals with Australian media obsession with the usual H. stories. Bennett notes that Phillip Adams, Australia's leading atheist and skeptic, says it is "blasphemous" to query the extent of the Holocaust (sounds like our own Michael Shermer, publisher of *Skeptic* magazine). Bennett's second article, "The Holocaust Industry," outlines the furor over Professor Norman Finkelstein's book of that name. He quotes Abe Foxman of the ADL saying "I am a survivor and I find his (Finkelstein's) book a blasphemy...."

What is remarkable here is that *Your Rights* is routinely distributed to Australian Federal and State MPs, legal aid groups, libraries and the media. Even more remarkable is that *newsagents and booksellers in every State in Australia sell Your Rights.* I do not know of a single mainline civil rights organization ostensibly interested in intellectual freedom, in either the USA or Europe, which will publish and distribute anything suggesting that revisionist theory should not be suppressed.

The ACLU and John Bennett can be reached at Box 1137, Carlton 3053, Melbourne Australia.

One way to effectively censor revisionist theory on the Internet is for some hotshot "hacker" to gain secret entry to the site and start throwing monkey wrenches into its electronic gears. David Thomas, CODOH's Webmaster, tells us a little about of what may be the latest monkey wrench thrown into CODOHWeb. Why would anyone do this? The numbers tell the tale.

The CODOH Website has recently begun to experience an odd problem, not corrected yet because its cause is unknown. Many of the site's pages have a feature called a "page counter." This is a set of digits that look like a car's odometer, located at the bottom margin. They increment one count every time someone accesses the page on their computer screen.

A few weeks ago, most of our counters were set back to zero. Unlike a real car odometer, they don't roll over at 99,999; somehow the data stored on our service provider's computer got erased. It's either an odd computer glitch there, or someone has gained unauthorized access to the site (i.e. we've been "hacked"). The solution on the Home Page was to replace the automatic counter with a manual entry to be updated once a week. On the chance that it was hacked by someone who didn't want the world to know that our Home Page alone had 260,000 visits since May of 1998, we decided to up the ante. It now proudly displays the fact that the entire site has drawn 17,283, 831 hits in that two-

year period. That's what we call getting the word out!

The first week after Paloma disappeared my wife and I were on the phone day and night trying to decide what we should do this time. One night we were on the telephone – I wish I could remember exactly the moment the idea came to me – when I suggested that maybe we should relax a little, forget about institutionalizing our daughter, and make our house in Baja a refuge for her. Unconditionally. Alicia was not enthusiastic. She thought we should hunt her down like we had the other times.

The next night my wife called to tell me that Paloma had telephoned her. She had never done that before after disappearing. It was a great relief just to know for certain that she was alive. She wouldn't say where she was, but she was alive and sounded all right. I relaxed considerably. I finished **SR79** and got it to the printers, tightened up some loose ends in Visalia, then rented a Ryder's truck with a tow dolly for my '93 Hyundai, packed up the office, loaded the truck, and at 10pm Saturday night left for Mexico. I was too wired to think of staying the night to get some sleep. The tow dolly failed before I got out of Visalia. Took two hours for Ryder to get a man to fix it at the side of the road. At midnight I started off again. Drove south at a steady clip and was twenty miles south of Bakersfield when something went wrong with the truck's motor.

I drove it at five miles an hour on the side of the freeway to a truck stop and called Ryder again. Tried to sleep in the truck cab but couldn't. Too cold. At 5.30 in the morning I was told the truck was ready. Dawn was just breaking over the mountains. Dawn is an invigorating time for me. When I got over the mountain and down into San Fernando Valley I tried to get a room at a couple places but I was too early, the motels were still full from Saturday night revelers. I started taking naps in the truck cab. Drive, nap, drive and so on until I reached the Ryder yard in Chula Vista about noon.

My car was already packed with stuff that would go in storage. Took the car off the tow dolly and drove to my storage, unloaded, drove back to Ryder's, transferred my personal stuff from the truck to the car and then drove south across the border and down to the house in Baja. It was Sunday afternoon. Alicia had just returned from church. She hadn't expected me until Monday. We sat at the dining room table over lunch.

While we were still at table. Paloma walked in. She was dressed in a shirt, shorts for the beach, and her blond hair had green tints in it. She was smiling and gracious and very beautiful but when we started asking questions she closed up, then left. Two weeks have passed. We don't know where she sleeps, what she does. Gradually she has come to use the house as a refuge, stopping by most every day to eat or shower or just rest. She does not appear to be using.

Paloma's in love and sometimes stays with her boyfriend's family, though the boy's mother doesn't like it. The boy doesn't use and appears to have his feet on the ground. Paloma turned fifteen the end of March. I suspect that maybe she believes that the honorable thing to do is to give up everything for love. If I remember my Shakespeare right, Juliet was thirteen when she decided to do the same. I don't know. When I was their age I didn't have these problems. I had horses.

What does this have to do with Holocaust revisionism? Nothing whatever that I can think of.

Viernes is a local tabloid, one of a dozen lively papers published in this part of Baja. It bills itself as a paper of criticism, analysis and satire. Typically it runs sixteen pages, two in English. The stuff in English is strictly local color. On the bottom of each inside page there is a one-line black bar where noted writers are quoted in English in white type. Such fellows as Edgar Allen Poe, Norman Mailer, Henry Bergson, Emerson, D'Alembert, Jean de la Bruyere, Santiago Ramon y Cajal, Franz Kafka, Seneca, Balzac, William Claxton (who the devil is this?) and others.

Yesterday was Friday (*viernes*) so after my nightly walk I picked up a copy of *Viernes* and stopped at a taco bar near the house to have a glass of wine and go through the paper. You will be able to imagine the small surprise I felt when I saw that the lead quote in the 5 May issue of *Viernes* is by Joseph Goebbels: "We govern with love, not with the bayonet. (my translation from the Spanish from the *Viernes* translation from German, I suppose)." I was surprised that Goebbels was quoted at all, and I was surprised by the nature of the quote itself.

THANKS

For your support.

Bradley

As noted above, I am back in Baja. I have the same address I used for four years previous to my recent adventures in California. Mail sent to the Visalia address is already being forwarded to me here in Baja.

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At the Cannes Film Festival Jean-Luc Godard, the French *avant-garde* film director, dismissed legendary U.S. filmmaker Steven Spielberg with a shrug. "I don't know him personally. I don't think his films are very good."

"Asked what he thought about the director of such hits as *Jurassic Park* and *Schindler's List*, the Frenchman was particularly severe about the Holocaust drama. 'It is strange, he had no idea about [the Holocaust] so he went and looked elsewhere [for inspiration]. When we don't have an idea about something, we look first of all within ourselves.'"

"He was particularly caustic when dissecting a scene in *Schindler's List* in which concentration camp inmates fear they are about to be gassed, but instead are showered with water. 'I was critical of him when he decided to reconstruct Auschwitz. It's something I think one should not do, transforming the gas coming from the ceiling into rejuvenating water,' Mr. Godard said. 'One does not have the right.'"

I like the way Godard talks as

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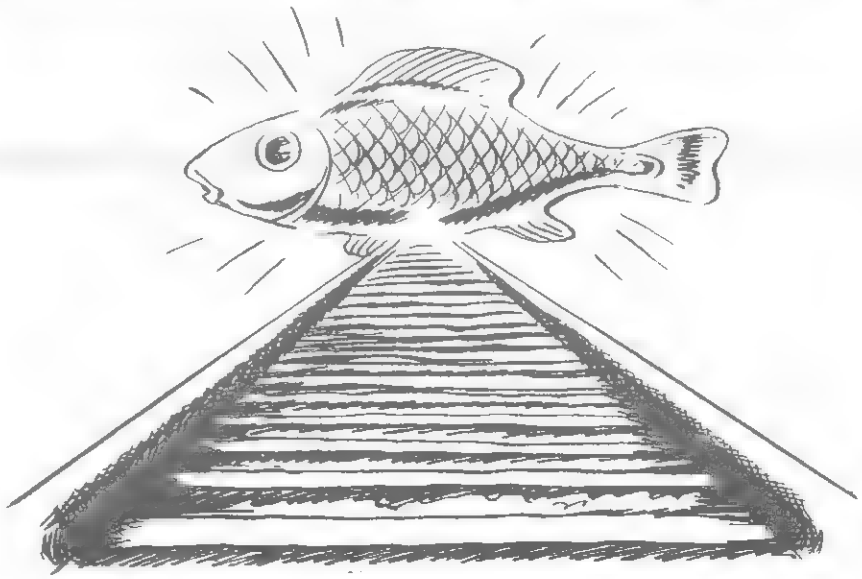
THE ANGLER, THE CARP, AND THE REVISIONIST

Robert Faurisson

Once upon a time there was an angler who, on meeting a stranger, said in a frantic voice: "It's a miracle! I've just made a unique, an unprecedented catch: in yonder stream, it so happens, I hooked a two hundred-pound carp."

The stranger, who as luck would have it, was a skeptic, a



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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report. *I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I cannot reply to correspondence. Not enough time.*

Being rather unobservant at times, it was not until yesterday afternoon that I noticed that the primary school just around the corner from where I live in Paris has a plaque on the wall, dated 10 April 1999, bearing the following inscription:

"In memory of the pupils of this school deported from 1942 to 1944 because they were born Jewish, innocent victims of Nazi barbarity with the active complicity of the Vichy government. They were exterminated in the death camps."

Upon seeing this, a wicked thought immediately formed in my mind. I recently visited a bookshop in Paris where the friendly owner gave me a few stickers. One of the stickers has a picture of a jolly-looking Santa Claus carrying a sack with the words: "Do you believe in Father Christmas?" at the top, then underneath: "... and the gas chambers?"

I was quite taken with this little sticker, and began to wonder what would be the most appropriate place to stick it. Then it came to me. The plaque on the front of the primary school is placed quite low on the wall, within arm's reach. It would be very easy to walk past at night and stick the sticker directly on the plaque. And of course, the Santa Claus theme is just the thing for young children.

But -- what would be the consequences if I acted on my idea? Might this be considered to be a "serious anti-Semitic incident," or perhaps even a "hate crime?" The next morning when I went out would I find the street filled with television camera crews and reporters interviewing distraught teachers and parents? Would the French police's notorious "Department of Public Liberties" be called in to investigate? Would forensic experts look for fingerprints on the sticker? What would be the penalty if it were discovered that I had stuck the sticker there?

No, I told myself. It's not worth it. When you're the kind of thought criminal who thinks that Nazis never dropped pesticide down little chimneys in a roof to exterminate millions of Jews any more than that they sent Santa Claus down to give them presents, then you're a marked man. You must lie low. You must be extra careful.

Jerry French (via the Internet)

Wonderful sticker. Never imagined Santa Claus and gas chambers being integrated so nicely. I've just begun to do labels (stickers). Maybe I'll do this one.

In response to your letter of thanks for my previous contribution, I am giving up my whiskey money, my Jack Daniels, to send you another. I do hope it helps. Smith, Hoffman, Zuendel, Irving, Rimland and Christie all deserve help. I was in World War II, I was in Germany, and I didn't see the gas chambers. It appears only the liars saw them.

O.J., Pennsylvania

Such a sacrifice as yours deserves a special thank you. I'll see what I can do.

I have just seen your CODOH Internet site for the first time. It is very useful, and I am pleased that you included so many links. Congratulations!

Gerald Parker. Canada

This contribution is to help with America's greatest bullfight.

John Zimmerman, Texas

Sorry you're going through such trying times. Where is the financial support you should be getting from all the visitors to your Website?

R.I., Oklahoma

Excellent, practical question. The Web is notorious for providing access to a huge audience but a sleight financial return. There are grand exceptions, but very poor returns appear to be the rule. And then, "marketing" revisionism anywhere is something of an oxymoron. Total contributions generated by CODOHWeb specifically average less than $150 per month. The main guy working to convince me that I absolutely must pay attention to this issue is Richard Widmann.

As reported here a couple months ago, Widmann set up an Amazon.com program on CODOHWeb whereby visitors to our site can order books reviewed for the online edition of The Revisionist, or any book mentioned in any of the stories reported on in NewsDesk, What's New, or any other CODOH Web page. So long as the buyer reaches Amazon.com via CODOHWeb, we get a small percentage of the total amount of the purchase. This is not a get rich quick scheme, but a couple weeks ago I did receive my first check from Amazon.com for $47. Better than a stick in the eye. It will grow. We have a record of the books that were purchased by browsers from CODOHWeb and it's quite varied and interesting.

Now we (Widmann) have done something significant. I wrote a pretty good pitch for contributions, outlining briefly the major accomplishments of CODOHWeb over the last five years. We were the first to publish Roger Garaudy's the Myth of Israeli Politics in English, first to publish Germar Rudolf's Dissecting the Holocaust in English (after the book had been banned and burned in Germany and Rudolf himself condemned to prison), first to publish Samuel Crowell's The Gas Chambers of Sherlock Holmes. We are the first to publish a revisionist magazine on the Internet -The Revisionist. And for more than three years we -- as in David Thomas -- have run the best managed and best edited revisionist discussion groups on the Internet (or, as I might say, in the world).

When CODOHWeb was launched in 1995 documents were being accessed less than 100 times during each 24 hours. Today the figure averages over 20,000 accesses during each 24 hour period, and oftentimes peaks at 30,000 and even 40,000. I point out that we have done all this everything from the very beginning -- with a handful of volunteers.

Now there is a new ball game waiting to be played. If we are going

to continue to build this site, if we are going to be able to utilize the new audio and video technologies that are available, if we are going to develop a stable of revisionist researchers and writers that we can depend on for The Revisionist, we must have financial support from those who access our site. We can't put it off any longer. The site, and the work, have simply outstripped the capacity of the handful of volunteers that has brought us this far. We need professional technical and editorial help, and we are going to have to pay for it.

Widmann posted the new Appeal, and then he put together a second program that is offered by Amazon.com the Amazon Honor System. This is a program that does a number of things, but the primary purpose for CODOH-Web is that it allows our readers to use their credit or debit cards to contribute directly to our work via the Internet.

The system is safe, Amazon has already handled hundreds of millions of credit card transactions. The contribution is made directly to CODOH's business account. No fuss, no muss. We expect something to come of this. The program was installed about ten days ago. It's not going to turn CODOH into a million dollar business, but it will help. This time next month I will report on how it is going.

THE ANGLER, continued

disciple of Pyrrhon. He was one of the school of Saint Thomas; in short, a revisionist. And he asked, in a guarded manner, whether he might see this monstrous catch.

"Would you, by chance, be casting doubt upon my word?" inquired the angler, adding: "It's quite simple: if you don't care to believe me, I'll show you the place where I caught it."

The revisionist objected that what interested him was not so much the place as the fish. Nonetheless, he ended up conceding: "All right! Let's go see the place!"

Once at the spot he noted that, in the way of a stream, all that lay before him was a modest trickle of water. He took it upon himself to make this remark to the angler and pointed out that a carp of such size could never have cavorted in so sparse a current.

He called a few passers-by to witness and, before them, went so far as to poke fun at the angler. He thought himself entitled to maintain, in a mocking tone, that there existed in France no carp of such weight. For him, in his own words, the amazing carp had about it too much of the scent of a farcical recipe for stuffing, or of some Hebraic fiction. With a snigger, he brought up Tobit's magical fish and the Leviathan monster, along with the "great fish" (which was not a whale) that swallowed Jonah, he of the miraculous rescue at sea.

What followed demonstrated that he had spoken too much.

The angler considered that the sceptic, in scoffing at him, had ridiculed all anglers and hunters who, in France, were legion. As he saw it, there was danger afoot and it was necessary that he act. In effect, such insolence threatened to bring discredit upon the thrilling tales of which anglers and hunters were at times so prolific. Thus the angler proceeded to lodge a grievance with a well-established body bearing the name "Fishing, Hunting and (Biblical) Tradition."

For some time this organisation had made a speciality of targeting the revisionists in their entirety. The latter, at their end, found fault with the venerable body for being too quick to take offence, for behaving irascibly, and often carrying on with an ungodly carping over nothing.

Of substantial electoral weight and anxiously courted from left, right and centre, the said organisation was accused by the revisionists of deploying some especially violent militia groups. The revisionists went so far as to assert that "Fishing, Hunting and (Biblical) Tradition" was part of a vast pressure group: "the Biblical Lobby." To which claim their opponents retorted, perfectly coolheaded, that no such lobby existed.

The impudent carp-doubting revisionist was sued by the organisation for personal injury caused, the group claimed, by allegations that were both untruthful and malicious.

The court handed down it's ruling.

At first, it allowed itself to hold that it wasn't a matter of being untruthful, that the revisionist's remarks on the magical carp might very well be accurate. But, in a latter instance, the court got a better grip on things. It ruled that, despite everything, the revisionist, in his statements taken as a whole, his failure to show charity towards the angler, and his want of penitence might well have been inspired by malice. As a result, the revisionist found himself ordered to pay heavy fines and damages.

Still, in the years that followed, the criminal persisted. He renewed his observations and questions about the phenomenal carp. He was challenged in other lawsuits, assailed with more fines, administered some firm physical punishments (one of which left him at death's door), cursed, and dismissed from his post. All to no avail. Doubtless the devil drove him.

To silence the revisionist and all his ilk for good, a heavy blow was called for.

It was dealt on the 14th of July 1990. It is on the symbolic date of July the 14th that in France the people, in the name of democracy and republican virtue, commemorate the taking and destruction of the Bastille in 1789. On the same occasion, they commemorate the abolition of the privileges of birth and the advent of a new era of liberty, equality and fraternity. At times a salutary recourse to Dr Guillotine's machine had been needed

in order to make those see reason who until then had remained insensitive to the beauty of such ideals.

On 14 July 1990, then, there appeared in the *Journal officiel de la République française* a special law, made to measure and designed to have an effect just as automatic as that of the guillotine's blade. Straightaway, it prohibited, without examining the substance of the question beforehand, any challenge to or casting of doubt upon the stories told by a certain category of anglers and hunters. Deputies and Senators had passed this law in an atmosphere of democratic terror, brought to the boiling point thanks to the providential, albeit sickening, affair known as "the Carpentras cemetery outrage."

To ground their prohibition in law, the legislators turned to a judgement pronounced nearly a half-century earlier, by certain victors who had proceeded to try certain of those they had vanquished. The victors had got the brilliant idea of setting up an international military tribunal in order to punish those vanquished. Devising their own laws and rules, the judges and prosecutors had, in their wisdom and of common accord, decreed: "The Tribunal [i.e., themselves] shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence" (Article 19 of their Charter). They had also specified: "The Tribunal shall not require proof of facts of common knowledge but shall take judicial notice thereof" (Article 21).

With another provision, they had taken care to warn the accused that any accusatory reports made by the victors' various commissions would be admitted with no discussion allowed since thereof the Tribunal "shall also take notice" (Article 21, continued). At this time, that is, in the period of 1945-1946, some strong-minded fellows jeered at a justice by which, in their words, Samson, with the blessings of the Eternal (God of armies and vengeful God), cynically assigned himself the right to judge one whom he had just overwhelmed and held at his mercy. Some wags made sarcastic remarks about military justice being to justice what military music was to music. Happily, by the 14th of July 1990, or almost half a century later, the minds of the population had been so adjusted by years of proper guidance that it had become unseemly to talk such madness, to let fly such witticisms. All now marched in step and in the same direction. Under a seeming diversity of opinion, all had at last understood that Good and Justice were always on the side of the victors, and Evil and Crime on the side of the vanquished. Necessarily.

Armed with this law, French judges no longer had to judge. They needed only to submit. This they did, with the most exquisite grace, and rulings rained down upon the revisionists.

It may be said that today the heads of both the "Fishing, Hunting and (Biblical) Tradition" and of the "Lobby-That-Does-Not-Exist" ought to declare themselves fully satisfied. The magical carp has become an object of worship. Museums are dedicated to it, richly endowed by the French taxpayer. The radio, television and newspapers chime with a thousand tales confirming the Carp's existence for us.

In the course of it all, this Carp has acquired a capital C. It has become the Unique, the Ineffable and the Indescribable (here again with capital letters). It is nowhere to be seen but it is everywhere.

Its story is taught in all the schools of the land. Adolescents listen open-mouthed to the old anglers and hunters, male and female, who come to dispense (in return for hard, cold cash) their astonishing testimonies about the Golden Carp.

As if seized by a joyful frenzy, a thousand institutions pour forth streams of gold and silver to the national and international associations assembling the millions of witnesses who, having one day seen the magical Carp, afterwards dispersed to all points of the globe. Abroad, these witnesses have, for the most part, amassed fine fortunes, attesting to their know-how and indubitable honesty. To these rich folk, the banks today spontaneously bestow hefty offerings. The insurance companies do likewise, along with museums, factories, laboratories, telephone companies and railways. "A world wide stampede into servitude," claim the vile revisionists, taking a phrase from Tacitus. But as everyone knows, the Roman historian was himself Nazi. Had not Tacitus; in a famous work dedicated to Germania, not sung the praises of its people?

If one believes the newspapers, the truth of the story of the Golden Carp is hardly contested any longer and each day the story, and the rich, grow richer.

And yet! And yet the rumor maintained by the skeptics remains current. To such a degree that -- sad to say -- even anglers and hunters seem to be taken with doubt. Those who speak for "The Lobby That Does Not Exist," without interrupting their moaning and chanting, cry out against the odious revisionists, but these attacks are but swipes, shouts and complaints. Where are the arguments? What must be offered in reply to the few doubters who still demand to see the Carp or, barring that, its depiction? What is one to say to those who piously visit the spot where the angler made his miraculous catch and who see with their own eyes only a tiny babbling brook? What is to be done in the face of the simple, stupid and nagging observation made by the Sunday angler, or the laboratory scientist, according to whom the species of carp that dwell in the rivers of France can never have produced a specimen of two hundred pounds?

The truth of the matter is that doubt gnaws at our noble anglers and hunters. And they no longer make a secret of this. They cry out: "The day when we are no longer here, no-one will believe in the fabulous Carp any more."

The revisionists smile. In their turpitude they retort that history, at least as it is conceived of by historians worthy of the name, is precisely made of events to which its witnesses have

vanished, or will one day vanish. In their perversity, the revisionists dare to add that, again from a historian's viewpoint, what does risk being erased with time are the poppycock, the tall tales, the lies of one's own day and age. And, with insolence, they dare to conclude: "Such is the lot that inexorably awaits the story of the Golden Carp, which is an outrageous lie, a legend, a wild nonsense, an abracadabra April Fool's prank."

How can the story of the divine Carp be saved from the accursed revisionists' constant efforts to undermine it?

At the dawn of this new century, in these excruciating times, that is the question haunting the high priests and worshippers of the lucrative Golden Carp. By their side, a good number of others are also seeking an answer to this harrowing riddle, which carries a thousand political and monetary implications. More and more, one may notice all sorts of people wondering: the historians to heel, the journalists at the trough, the politicians with their scandals to hide, the idolaters of the Golden Calf or the servants of the Almighty Dollar: "How," they ask themselves, "Yes how can we save our world-wide religion of the divine Golden Carp from ruin?"

And they are losing all hope of finding a solution.

And everything goes on as if the revisionists, sure of their work and laughing behind the scenes, hold the key to the mystery.

Hunting Demjanjuk: Injustice, Double Standards and Ulterior Agendas

By Paul Grubach

In 1993, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that John Demjanjuk was not guilty in regard to the allegations that he was the notorious guard of Treblinka known as "Ivan the Terrible." His United States citizenship was restored shortly thereafter.

The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) has recently revived the 24-year old case by bringing a new legal complaint against the Ukrainian born retiree. They claim Demjanjuk was a guard in other Nazi concentration camps and that he lied about his wartime activities in his application to enter the United States in 1951. Commenting on the matter, an official of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) called the renewed OSI campaign "a matter of justice and the integrity of American citizenship."(1) Justice Department attorneys say war criminals must be prosecuted, regardless of their age (2).

Noted journalist John Sack has documented how Jewish officials in Poland persecuted and murdered large numbers of German prisoners in the aftermath of World War Two in his book, *An Eye for an Eye*. After committing such dastardly deeds, many of these Jews came to America. (3) If it is right and just that alleged non-Jewish war criminals like Demjanjuk be legally hounded and deported, then Jewish war criminals should be met with the same fate. If the U.S. government devotes resources to the rooting out of non-Jewish war criminals, then they should devote resources to the rooting out of Jewish war criminals. To concentrate only upon non-Jewish war criminals is **selective justice. And selective justice is in fact injustice**. Why the hypocritical double standard? What really lies behind this campaign?

Holocaust revisionism, the theory that the traditional view of the Jewish Holocaust contains lies, exaggerations and other falsehoods, is a serious threat to Zionist power and influence. Various governments have resorted to "war crimes trials" to combat its phenomenal growth. Indeed, Israel's former Attorney General, Yitzhak Zamir, publicly admitted that this was one of the major purposes of the Israeli Demjanjuk trial: "At a time when there are those who even deny that the Holocaust ever took place, it is important to remind the world of what a fascist regime is capable of…and in this respect the Demjanjuk trial will fulfill an important function."(4)

In 1993, as the case against Demjanjuk was falling apart, an Israeli prosecutor close to the case acknowledged a political motive for continuing the campaign. "So the important thing now is at least to prove that Demjanjuk was part of the Nazi extermination ma-

chine…otherwise…we will be making a great contribution to the new world-wide movement of those who deny the Holocaust took place."(5)

California psychology professor Kevin MacDonald has shown how Jewish groups, in attempting to gain approval from non-Jews, have often framed their purely parochial interests in terms of universal principles that supposedly benefit everyone. (6) With this in mind, I believe, the ADL and OSI made the renewed campaign against Demjanjuk appear to be in the interest of all Americans. At the risk of being redundant I will again quote the ADL official. The current campaign against Demjanjuk, he alleged, is "a matter of justice and the integrity of American citizenship." In short, parochial Zionist interests are cloaked in the lofty-sounding rhetoric of morality and patriotism.

The further prosecution of John Demjanjuk will only prolong the undeserved suffering of an elderly man and the entire Demjanjuk family, and possibly exacerbate the already existing tensions between Jews and Eastern European émigré groups. Another such trial does not serve the American ideal of justice. It is an example of selective justice or rather injustice; the

U.S. government makes no attempt to root out alleged Jewish war criminals, just alleged non-Jewish war criminals like Demjanjuk. Another trial serves the ulterior goals of the ADL and OSI in combating Holocaust revisionism, a dire threat to the entire Zionist juggernaut.

The hunt for and prosecution of John Demjanjuk is but one example of discrimination that Euro-Americans face. On the subject of war crimes trials, bias directed against non-Jewish, European émigrés is alive and well in the United States.

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ADL Comments on Holocaust Denial Conference Held in Jordan

New York, NY, May 15, 200l-The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) expressed great surprise and dismay that a Holocaust denial conference took place in Amman on May 13. The conference, sponsored by the Jordanian Writers Association, was cancelled twice by the Jordanian government.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director, issued the following statement:

We were surprised and greatly dismayed that a conference to propagate the denial of the Holocaust, twice cancelled by the Jordanian government, eventually did take place in Amman. In recent years, many in the Arab world have become avid advocates of Holocaust denial. We had hoped that the cancellation in March by Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of a similar conference planned for Beirut, coupled with the Jordanian government's cancellation of previously planned conferences, marked an important and concerted effort by responsible Arab leadership to reject those who seek to deny the Holocaust.

The Jordanian Writers Association has long been active in countering normalization efforts with Israel, including punishing members who have interacted with Israelis. It appears that the denial of the Holocaust is a new weapon in their efforts to delegitimize the Jewish State and the Jordanian-Israel peace agreement.

According to "The Jordan Times," the 200 conference attendees heard a series of speeches denying or diminishing the systemic murder of six million Jews by the Nazis. Speakers maintained that the "myths of the Holocaust" were used to justify the creation of the State of Israel as a haven for Jews.

(Note: *This conference was to have taken place on 15 May, that was the public story, but secretly it was organized to take place two days earlier to beat the H. Industry to the propaganda punch. Smart, and it worked. The same night, after the conference was over, one of the participants, Ibrahim Alloush, sent the following letter via email to Audrey and she forwarded it to all of us. In the letter there is something of a feeling of exultation. I can understand why. We're talking about a small intellectual class trying to express itself honestly within a culture that is still commanded by hereditary ruling families, warlords and sundry other tyrants, most of them protected by the US Congress in one way or another. Here is an on the scene report.)*

The forum in Amman on Revisionist Historians was a big success tonight. Elements of the police and the secret service attended but didn't interfere in the proceedings. People were overflowing into the street. Satellite stations had cameras there and videotaped the whole thing. People were generally very sympathetic to our cause. There was a resolution by those present to condemn the fourteen Arab intellectuals who signed the letter calling on the Lebanese government to cancel the revisionist conference in Beirut.

There was also another suggestion to establish an Arab Committee of Historical Revisionism. There will be pamphlets published on the matter as well. In the time allotted to me, I presented Dr. Faurisson's paper (see **SR80**) that was supposed to be presented in the conference in Beirut. Both Hayat Atiyeh and I emphasized that as important as Garaudy's contribution was in popularizing revisionism in the Arab and Muslim Worlds, his contributions stopped there. We introduced the audience to Ahmad Rami, for those who wanted an Arab Muslim figure of revisionism, as well as some of the other major figures of historical revisionism.

Overall, tonight was a great success, a step in the right direction, which will hopefully be followed by other similar steps. Too tired now. Got to go.

Ibrahim Alloush

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an artist. "A film should have a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order." Godard is a better filmmaker than Spielberg is. Godard is unique whereas Spielberg creates commodities – as Godard says he does. But Godard is wrong about Spielberg having no right to show water spewing from the Auschwitz gas chamber showerheads. Godard is known for his radical left politics. Intellectually Godard still lives within a post WWII Marxist environment where one has "no right" to fiddle with Marxist/Stalinist pronouncements about gas chambers. It is a cultural environment in which the Robert Faurissons are self-righteously hounded decade after decade for saying what they have "no right" to say.

(From a *National Post* (Canada) story of 16 May.)

According to the *Jewish Chronicle* Dr. Frederick Toben has been in Iran lecturing students on revisionist theory. Toben heads the Adelaide Institute in Australia. His Website homepage shows his picture on the roof of Auschwitz searching for the poisoned [sic] gas holes. He claims there are "No Holes," so "No Holocaust." Australia's Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission still wants Toben to close down his Website because it is "bullying, insulting, offensive and racially vilifactory [sic] of the Jewish people."

The English-language *Tehran Times* quotes Toben as saying that if his position in Australia becomes untenable, "he will seek political asylum in Iran." I wonder. There have been rumors that Graf and Rudolf as well have considered living in Iran. Iranian authorities look favorably on revisionism, but fear independent thought. How long could Iran provide sanctuary for men like these?

Ioan Marinescu, a lawmaker from the ultra nationalist Greater Romania Party, has written a joke book about the Holocaust titled *The Best Jokes and Answers*. Israeli diplomats in Bucharest protested, so the publisher apologized and ordered the remaining copies to be withdrawn from sale. It's a little late for that, as "Nearly all of the 20,000 books printed have been sold." The book contains about 200 jokes, including two that have been criticized as being anti-Semitic. Two *hundred* jokes about the Holocaust and only *two* are considered anti-Semitic? Romanian censors have raised the anti-Semitic joke-bar pretty high.

So Marinescu is under investigation for suspicion of inciting racial hatred – a criminal charge in Romania, which carries up to five years in prison. Marinescu denies the allegations. "'These are freely circulating jokes,' he told The Associated Press by telephone. 'I just gathered them.'" Being a legislator, not having time to hang out down on the corner, I suppose he gathered most of them at work. The Greater Romania Party is Romania's largest opposition party, with about one-fourth of the parliamentary seats.

I'm usually uncomfortable myself with Holocaust "jokes." I find them nearly always to be in poor taste. I've never had a problem with satirizing "survivors" however, or intellectuals who promote misinformation, lies, stupidity and general grotesqueries about the Big H.

Meanwhile, I am informed that via a European Internet news service that the Hungarian parliament has "refused to discuss measures which would make Holocaust denial a punishable offense, with officials stressing that such a move threatened freedom of speech."

Readers have sent me a number of books recently. One sent me a box full of paperback reference works. Dictionaries, Thesauruses and world Almanacs. It took me a moment to understand why. I have been traveling all over Baja and California with my computers and a few documents and a suitcase. What more practical gift than a box of compact, easy to transport reference books?

Reading in SR79 that my wife has cancer (she is still in remission) a California reader sent me *Miracle Food Cures from the Bible*. This was a more interesting title for me than he may have thought. I have been deeply involved in alternative health issues for the last two years. Ernst Zuendel was responsible for rekindling my interest in the field. I refer to Ernst now as Doctor Z. He always begins our conversations about alternative health issues by saying, "Remember, Bradley, I am not a doctor." And I reply, "Okay, Doc. I understand."

And then a student at Oberlin College sent me *Five Tang Poets*. There is an intro to each poet -- Wang Wei, Li Po, Tu Fu, Li Ho, and Shang-yin, and a short reading list following each selection. It was something of a perfect book for me to have received just when I did. I read the 180 pages in two sittings. I was particularly struck by one phrase in the translator's preface: "... the peculiar strengths of their tradition -- faith in the power of juxtaposed images, trust in the effectiveness of implication, an immediacy and directness in the use of voice ...." I recognized these attributes in some of what I do – clumsily compared to what these eighth and ninth-century China men did, but there is something between us that I am going to pay more conscious attention to.

Thank you all for the books.

U.S. District Court Judge Jeremy Fogel (San Jose) has agreed to consider whether foreign courts may determine what Yahoo! Inc. sells on its Internet auction site. The case, rooted in an international dispute over Yahoo auctions featuring Nazi memorabilia, has become a key test of the evolving rules governing national jurisdiction, free speech and online commerce.

Threatening the U.S.-based site with fines of as much as $13,000 per day, the French court demanded that Yahoo block French citizens' access to the items. Yahoo is asking the U.S. court to agree that the judge in the French civil case had no jurisdiction over Yahoo Inc. Yahoo, which in addition to its main, U.S.-focused Web site, runs specific sites for some 28 different countries. Yahoo's French site abides by French law, but Yahoo

claims it cannot be expected, in France, to abide by German law as well, and can't stop French people from visiting the German site.

Or Yahoo's American site for that matter. This brouhaha reminds me of Germar Rudolf's situation. When a German court closed down his German language Website, we published his *Dissecting the Holocaust* in German on CODOHWeb and made it available to every German, and everyone else in the world, with a computer. German authorities could not touch us. Now Rudolf runs his German language Website from the U.S. Recently Rudolf found that almost half the document downloads from his Website originated from computers in France. This can be called the "globalization" of communication. Good for revisionists, bad for the Industry.

The affair with my daughter is better. She is living under our roof again. Long story. Three months ago a lady at a drug rehab center in Hanford, California asked me how it was going. I said it appeared to be going better. She said: "Don't expect it to be better tomorrow. It will never go the way you think it will. Every day will be different. You have to be alert." I was struck by the originality and insight of her observation. Since then I have realized of course that if you are paying attention every day is different no matter how you live your life. If you are paying attention, every hour is different. I'm trying to stay alert.

You must have noticed how poorly the last issue of SR was trimmed. Looked awful. I do not expect that it will happen again.

In April while I was still in Visalia I opened a letter from a Flemish revisionist and was startled to discover that he was asking me what my "global" financial situation is, that he might be able to help. The letter was dated three months earlier. I had been carrying the unopened letter along with some other papers all over California and Baja. When I'd gathered my wits about me I leapt to my computer and wrote this revisionist knight about my account with Pitney Bowes, a company that leases mailing machines and sells postage. I allowed the account to get out of control two years ago and could never catch up. I owe them going on $5,000. My own fault. The monthly interest alone is over $60. I just have not been able to get a handle on it. My Flemish friend has volunteered to take on the entire debt and pay it off in ten monthly installments. I'm very grateful. The collections people at PB were beginning to be a bother.

This remarkable gesture of our revisionist cohort encourages me to note here (with some embarrassment) that I have two other large bills that I am struggling with, particularly after the personal expenses I have had during the last few months. I owe my old Visalia printer $3,300. I've paid it down from $11,400 (in 1998) but now I'm stuck. And I still owe $3,100 to the Visalia Medical Group for expenses following my wife's cancer surgery and other hospital expenses in 1996.

As I explained to my Flemish friend, I have no credit card debt whatever, and I pay current business and household expenses as they come in, so otherwise I am fine.

I've just seen for the first time, thanks to an SR reader, the latest issue of "The Muslim News Magazine at UCLA" *Al-Tablib*. It's a 40-page tabloid with a circulation of 20,000. One article, "Death for Sale: the Commercialization of the Holocaust," is a well written survey of the immense riches the Holocaust Industry generates, on top of morally legitimizing the colonization of Palestine by European Jews, a rich reward itself.

The article takes as it's jumping off place the story of a Philadelphia merchant, Wilbur Pierce, "a talmudic scholar turned entrepreneur," who "sells Holocaust [camp] money" and other H. related items. Pierce describes his store as being "a museum with price tags. What we do is sell you the museum."

"When Price was asked to explain why he choose this particular business he replied haltingly. 'Why do I sell Holocaust materials? Why? Because in order to understand what you want never of, you have to look at what was' [sic]".

Here the *Al-Tablib* author notes: "This incoherent response masks the real answer. In between the stutters and halts are unexpressed, ulterior motives of guilt-assault, psychological domination, and secular greed (...) a simple, straightforward sentiment never expressed, but always present: 'We suffered the Holocaust. Now make it up to us.'"

One more welcome sign that Muslims in America, as well as in the Arab world, are beginning to address some of the issues that revisionists address.

Thanks for your continued support. There is – no one else.

Bradley

I have the same PO Box I had last year. Mail sent to the Visalia address is forwarded to me here in Baja.

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The very savvy journalist, Christopher Hitchens, has published a book titled *The Trial of Henry Kissinger*. He'd like to see the former secretary of state tried for war crimes going back to Vietnam but including much else. Works for me.

Kissinger, too, has a book out. It's called *Does America Need a Foreign Policy?* Because he is promoting his book, he has been asked on at least two occasions what he makes of Hitchens. On both "The News with Brian Williams" and "The Mitch Albom Show," Kissinger called Hitchens a Holocaust denier. "He's a man who has attacked Mother Teresa, Jackie Kennedy, has said the Holocaust never existed," Kissinger told Williams.

As Richard Cohen notes in The Washington Post (26 June), the charge of Holocaust denial is "probably the most odious charge that can be brought against anyone, particularly a writer. In some odd way, it exceeds even 'anti-Semite' since it suggests a kind of complicity in the crime itself: the cover-up. Holocaust denial by the sane—a distinction worth noting here—is coldly malicious, one last

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AN ENGLISHMAN IN LONDON A JEW IN POLAND & EXTREAMISM IN AMERICA

George Brewer

In recent months the efforts of CODOH and Holocaust revisionism generally have been rewarded in a variety of ways and from a number of surprising sources. A British historian in a London courtroom, a courageous American Jew in a Warsaw newspaper, and the ADL in another one of its silly promotional stunts, have all contributed to a growing awareness of the aims and the content of revisionism. The view from here is that things are changing almost faster than we can describe them, and, while it may take some time for the results to be clear, CODOH continues to lead the way.

AN ENGLISHMAN IN LONDON

As we recall, the British historian David Irving sued Deborah Lipstadt for a number of defamatory comments she made about him in her book, *Denying the Holocaust*. In last year's memorable trial, which Irving unfortunately lost, he was able in the course of his defense to present a number of revisionist arguments, which then became part of the permanent public record.

In June of this year, Irving was again back in court, this time attempting to make an appeal to three judges to allow for a full appeal of the adverse judgment. Over the course of several days, Irving's barrister, Adrian Davies, presented the meat of Irving's appeal, not

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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report *and the issues it addresses. I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I cannot reply to correspondence. Not enough hours in the day. I have space to print a very small number of your letters. If you do not want your name published in* **SR**, *please make that plain. Thanks.*

I spoke with a distinguished psychologist about the ADL's labeling of you as an "extremist." This man's beat is political psychology and radical groups. He has done important work for government agencies, like the CIA. His name must remain anonymous.

He told me that you should view the ADL's labeling of you an "extremist" as a "backhanded compliment." He said the ADL monitor's "enemy" publications very closely, and they only attack individuals and/or a group when they become "powerful or influential." The ADL must feel that CODOH and *The Revisionist* are "gaining a large audience," so they labeled you an "extremist" in an attempt to discredit you. You will have noticed that all other revisionist groups and individuals were either ignored or mentioned only in passing. And by the way, he said he agrees with my article about you, and he said there are many more people in government which would probably also agree with us—"in private."

Paul Grubach

[*If you would like to read the ADL screed on Bradley Smith and Extremism in America (3,100 words) and Paul Grubach's response (2,200 words) published in* **The Revisionist**, *I'll send them along in return for a donation.*]

Today's Asbury Park Press has run a story entitled: "Pope condemns Nazi massacres: Pontiff to visit Babi Yar, site of atrocity." The most interesting aspect of the text is its statistics. All of the following passages are in this one article (6/25/01).

"The pope made his comments on the eve of a visit to Babi Yar, a ravine where tens of thousands of Jews and others were killed and buried in mass graves during the World War II Nazi occupation of Ukraine."

"Here in Kiev, at Babi Yar, during the Nazi occupation, countless people, including over 100,000 Jews, were killed over a few days."

"More than 33,000 Jews were killed over just two days. Altogether, between 100,000 and 200,000 people including non-Jews are believed to have been killed at Babi Yar."

It appears that the editor will accept anything and everything on the subject.

D.H., New Jersey

Maybe the Asbury Park Press *does not have an editor and everyone there is just winging it. I have a news clipping in my files where a U.S. reporter visiting Kiev is told by his Russian taxi driver (a photograph of the "taxista" accompanies the article) that it is well known among the locals that some "12,000" victims were killed at Babi Yar.*

Good to see you reading Chinese poetry. My kind of guy. I read sacred literature or ancient literature to relax. Turned my son on to Gilgamesh and the Flood, tried to turn him on to Assyrian cuneiform. Myself I prefer to read old Zoroastrian, Hindu, Buddhist or Taoist texts. I have a great text from the Tao I'd like to use, it seems very apt for the Polish-Jewish and even German-Jewish fights always going on. It's adapted from Lin Yutang's translation of Lao Tse:

> Patching up a great hatred is sure to leave some hatred behind.
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> How can this be regarded as satisfactory?
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> Therefore, the sage holds the debtor's portion, and does not put the guilt on the other party.
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> The virtuous man is for patching up, The vicious is for fixing guilt. (...)

Ralph Marquardt, NY

Good poem. I'm no one to give advice about raising children, as everyone who reads this newsletter knows by now, but Assyrian cuneiform? give the kid a break..

By coincidence, I received a note from Robert Faurisson who told me "Bradley, no one (I repeat, no one) knows how to raise a child." *I had never heard such a thought expressed before. It took a while, but I began to see what is implied. At bottom, no one can know who his child is, just as at bottom, the wife, the mother, the friend remains unknown. I have been trying all my life to understand who I am and I don't think I am very close to finding out. There is a great mystery here, one that the religious personality and now the shrinks and the scientists are trying to find an answer to. Nevertheless, it's clear that some of us do better with ourselves than others do, and some of us do better with our wives and children than others do.*

Your efforts to educate college students with regard to the facts of the "holocaust" are much commended. However! You're abilities as a businessman are lousy! I don't recall when I first subscribed to your newsletter, but I do know that you have never notified me that my subscription should have lapsed – a long time ago. How can you maintain an income if you don't keep track of when subs should be renewed?

I have no idea how many renewals I owe you, but I am enclosing a little something that will, hopefully, cover all the unrenewed renewals. I do not ask to renew my sub because I am damn near broke supporting others (David Irving for one) and do not have the wherewithal to continue with Smith's Report. Get hot on the business end of your affairs!

Frank E. Elwell.

I'm aware that I'm not a good businessman because people who wish me well keep telling me I am not. Anyhow, thanks for the check, which takes care of the sub to **SR** *for the last several years. I can't drop you now. I wouldn't feel right. You're on the gift list for the foreseeable future.*

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only as it pertained to the overall judgment, but particularly with regard to revisionist claims about Auschwitz. Although the outlook was and remains pessimistic, there was a certain amount of surprise, when, after the presentation, the judges announced that they would reserve judgment for a matter of weeks. In a sense, this could be counted a victory for Irving since it meant that his arguments had enough merit to deserve careful review.

Of course, the final decision of the judges will be important in more ways than one. In the first place, if he fails, Irving will be saddled with the exorbitant costs racked up by Lipstadt and her defenders, quoted as high as six million dollars by some. But it must also be confessed that a negative finding against Irving will also affect revisionism, because it will mean, at least implicitly, that the establishment has once more chosen to ignore the findings of revisionism or give them any legitimacy, even as a minority viewpoint. Everyone has to be prepared for such negative effects.

At the same time, whatever the judges find, we feel there is plenty of room for optimism. Irving's trial, the appeal, and the material prepared for the appeal, have brought into the open a large amount of material and documentation that has been accumulated by revisionists like Germar Rudolf, Carlo Mattogno and CODOH's own Samuel Crowell over the past ten years, and this material is not only easily accessible on the Internet via CODOHWeb but can also now be safely discussed by just about everyone because it was debated in the widely reported trial.

To be sure, the few books that have emerged from the trial so far have consisted of the usual defense mechanisms for the exterminationist point of view. But even these have had to mention, even as they have avoided, the arguments of Rassinier, Butz, Faurisson, Staeglich, and Leuchter. It may be that in the short term, highly paid Holocaust experts like Robert Jan Van Pelt will continue to avoid such materials. But other interested students or scholars will have an entrée, thanks to the Irving trial, to study and discuss this data in their own papers, articles, and books. We are confident that eventually they will do so.

Twenty-five years ago, to mention revisionist views was difficult, because it carried with it the suggestion that the person mentioning them was a reader of forbidden literature. But today, and largely thanks to the courage and willingness of David Irving to confront the facts about Auschwitz, anyone can discuss the issues about the Auschwitz camp or the Holocaust in general simply by referencing the newspaper or books written about this famous trial. The effects may be long in coming, but the taboo has finally been broken.

A JEW IN POLAND

Another factor that is ultimately helpful to revisionism, in setting aside the falsehoods and myths of World War Two, comes from an unlikely quarter: debates in today's Poland concerning Poland's responsibility for the persecution of its Jewish citizens.

The debate began last year when Jan Gross, a Polish-Jewish expatriate in New York, published a book entitled *Neighbors*, which attempted to argue that the Poles had a long tradition of anti-Semitism that they needed to face up to, and that Poland's sad history in the 20th Century, involving among other things over 50 years of communist repression, was not something that could be blamed on its Jewish minority. The centerpiece of Gross's argument was an alleged massacre that took place in the village of Jedwabne in July, 1941, in which, Gross claimed, the Polish inhabitants of the town spontaneously rose up and murdered hundreds of their Jewish neighbors.

It goes without saying that the charge, not very well supported by evidence, outraged most patriotic Poles. But it was the sequel to Gross's book that was most damaging, because, not long after his book was published in the United States in English, Gross published another piece in a Polish newspaper, entitled Mrs. Marx's Pillow, which argued that Poland should be willing to return to its former Jewish citizens the property they lost in World War Two, since after all, it amounted only to such things as random household furnishings, i.e., such as Mrs. Marx's Pillow.

This was enough to galvanize Norman Finkelstein, a political science professor in New York, and well known to revisionists as the author of *A Nation on Trial* and *The Holocaust Industry*. In an Op-ed piece published in a competing Warsaw daily, Finkelstein called Gross's book, Goldhagen for Beginners, and was particularly scathing with the idea that the Poles were merely being asked to make token redress. As he wrote, "(...) the Holocaust industry doesn't merely want back "Mrs. Marx's pillow": it wants her whole house - and more."

Finkelstein then took the opportunity to launch into another blistering attack on the Holocaust Industry, which he initially defined as those individuals and institutions exploiting the Jewish genocide during World War II for political and financial gain but which he soon called an "extortion racket wrapped in the mantle of Jewish suffering," a "shakedown," and "Holocaust hooliganism, plain and simple." It is invigorating to read such a frank appraisal of the exploitation of the Holocaust, and, it must be said, it is encouraging that it is coming from a Jewish intellectual: it reminds us that the ultimate success of Holocaust revisionism depends on thoughtful and courageous people of all kinds.

Of course, Finkelstein would bridle at being characterized as a revisionist. Certainly in terms of the definition that our opponents have created for us he couldn't be, since Finkelstein has not shown any desire to question any of the facts of the Jewish destruction in World War Two. At the same time, the revisionist critique of the Holocaust has always gone hand in hand with a critique of its exploitation: the sooner the exploitation is exposed, the sooner we can get back to the real work of scholarship. Therefore, to the extent that Finkelstein's powerful

writings shake up the Holocaust establishment, to that extent revisionist aims are being served.

The flap over *Neighbors* also serves to indicate the extent to which the Holocaust is being used by increasingly narrow interests. For many years, the Holocaust was used to include nameless millions of non-Jews, also supposedly exterminated by the Nazis. As such, the Holocaust was also an important element in Polish national memory. But Gross's book, along with the recent theft by Yad Vashem of some paintings by the important Polish author Bruno Schulz, has gone a long way to make it clear to Poles what has long been clear to most everyone else: the Holocaust is used by Jewish individuals and some Jewish institutions to serve themselves, and no one else need apply. Thus, another audience of some 40 million Poles has been created for revisionist outreach.

EXTREMISM IN AMERICA

Of course, one of the main groups in the vanguard of manipulating the Holocaust for their own gain is the Anti-Defamation League. For many years, they have stridently complained about Bradley Smith, the Campus Project, and CODOH's Internet presence. Hot on the heels of such gimmicks as "Hate Hurts" and the ADL "Hate Filters," the ADL has recently published a new pamphlet, entitled Extremism in America& in which Bradley Smith and CODOH figure prominently.

While it's difficult to take the pamphlet seriously, it is also difficult to decide what one's reaction should be. On the one hand, the booklet is sure to inspire anger, because it lumps Bradley Smith in with a number of individuals who have advocated violence and vandalism, some of whom have even been convicted of such crimes. Bearing in mind that neither Smith nor CODOH has ever advocated violence, or racism, but only peaceful dialogue and discussion, it is simply slanderous that Smith was even included in the booklet at all. On the other hand, Smith and CODOH are the only Holocaust revisionists who are given more than passing mention: in fact, the ADL's slanted biography of Smith's revisionist career runs to over 3,000 words.

The fact that the Anti-Defamation League has sought to tie in the provocative and careful historical analysis and easygoing truth seeking of Bradley Smith and CODOH with bona fide extremists should be a cause for a certain amount of pride. After all, the ADL would not have included CODOH were it not for the fact that CODOH's tactics have been successful in acquainting all interested people, not just college students, to the more accurate revisionist alternative to World War Two history. By lumping an apolitical group, together with others, some of which are avowedly a threat to the political order to the United States, only goes to show that while CODOH is no threat to America, it is a threat to the interests of the ADL and to those private individuals who bankroll it.

On the other hand, there is a more sinister aspect to the ADL's pamphlet. The only specific and rather feeble attack that the ADL was able to make on Smith himself consisted of a quote concerning Christian acquiescence to the promotion of Jewish interests. Closer examination finds that references to Christian symbolism is a prominent part of the descriptions for all of the extremist groups mentioned, even though Christianity as such has little if anything to do with the activities of most of the groups. Sad to say, it appears that the ADL, in its fight against bigotry, has adopted bigotry: for nothing shines through more clearly from Extremism in America than a thinly veiled and simmering hatred of Christianity itself.

CONCLUSION

The summer of 2001 may be remembered as a time when revisionism finally began to find its legs, but the situation remains volatile in more ways than one. Due to the personal courage of such diverse personalities as David Irving and Norman Finkelstein, the two key elements of classical Holocaust revisionism, the criticism of the facts and the exploitation of the Jewish tragedy, have now been thrust fully into the mainstream of intellectual life in the West. At the same time, the importance of revisionism itself is attested by the inclusion of CODOH in the ADL's obnoxious booklet.

Now is the time to proceed with magnanimity and care. On the one hand, revisionism needs to be receptive to the input from non-revisionists, including Jews, who may be interested in some aspects of revisionism, but not in others. This requires building bridges outside of the revisionist community, and also requires a willingness to accept the fact that, while the current Holocaust story is riddled with errors, the Jewish people need, from revisionists themselves, a sincere acknowledgement of their losses in a general sense.

Above all, there is a need in this changing situation to be ever vigilant for excessive reactions from either side as the ideas of Holocaust revisionism are mainstreamed. While there is a greater need for polemical writings -- opinion pieces, magazine and newspaper articles and such-- than before, we should be careful to temper our views. The goal of Holocaust revisionism, after all, is truth, reconciliation and dialogue, not destabilization, manufactured hatred, or censorship. If anything, those are the goals of the other side.

Now is the time for revisionists to follow through on the renewed interest in revisionist writings by continuing our search for new documents, correcting errors or lapses in previous work, maintaining revisionist outreach through the Internet and other media, and opening doors for dialogue. Bradley and CODOH are clearly major players in this effort, and outreach is where we have always excelled, and will continue to excel, with your continued support.

INTERNET ROUNDUP

The Revisionist E-Zine accessed One Million times

Richard Widmann

Readers of ***Smith's Report*** are probably familiar with CODOH's print magazine ***The Revisionist***. Conceived in the summer of 1999, *The Revisionist* was printed in large runs to be distributed on college campuses across the United States. As part of the Campus Project for the 1999-2000 school year, Bradley decided to provide college students and their professors with more revisionism than they had ever seen before. Each issue was packed with 24 pages of revisionist scholarship, reviews and commentary. The first three issues of *The Revisionist* made quite a ruckus. At St. Cloud University (MN), for example, the University Chronicle featured a photograph of an hysterical lady professor burning *The Revisionist* at an outdoor rally.

By the summer of 2000 financial support for *The Revisionist* was not what we had hoped for. Campus papers with large distribution could easily snap up 10,000 copies of an issue. At San Diego State U, for example, the Daily Aztec alone distributed 15,000 copies of issue No.3. Even our large print runs became a drop in the bucket to what could actually be distributed. These challenges resulted in a new strategy, and issue No.4, though completed, was not printed.

In September of 2000, Bradley announced (see **SR72**) that we would make *The Revisionist* an on-line magazine. The Revisionist E-Zine (Electronic Magazine) was born. We established a second Webpage,< codoh.org >, that would feature *The Revisionist* while our flagship Webpage < codoh.com > would continue to house the world's largest archive of revisionist materials. The E-Zine could be produced for a fraction of the cost of the print magazine, and it could be distributed to an infinite number of people on campus and off. The Campus Project could now be dubbed the World Project!

Throughout the 2000-01 school year CODOH published smaller ads that promoted *The Revisionist* Website. The new strategy was apparently viewed as a defeat by the watchdogs that run the Anti-Defamation League. In their recent article, "Extremism in America," they gave Bradley "special treatment" and specifically targeted *The Revisionist* and its editorial staff. The ADL wrote that The *Revisionist* was "defunct."

Far from being defunct, *The Revisionist* emerged from cyberspace as a stealth jet emerges from the heavens. Besides reprinting most of the contents of the print issues, *The Revisionist* is on to its fifth issue of brand new material on-line. As of July 5, 2001, our E-Zine was accessed for the one-millionth time! We could never have had such a large readership with our print magazine.

The breadth of revisionist scholarship is amazing. Readers have been exposed to new works by leading revisionists including: Joseph Bellinger, Friedrich Berg, George Brewer, Samuel Crowell, Robert Faurisson, Matt Giwer, Paul Grubach, William Halvorsen, Mackenzie Paine, Orest Slepokura, Bradley Smith, and John Weir.

In a single-day recently *The Revisionist* was accessed over 50,000 times. *The Revisionist* clearly owes its success to truth and technology. There is no doubt that *The Revisionist* is encouraging debate on the Holocaust question and correcting the historical record among more people than could ever have been hoped for only one year ago.

Your support makes possible projects like *The Revisionist* E-Zine, the first and only Holocaust revisionist magazine on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

NOTEBOOK

kick at the survivors themselves, one last attempt to say they don't matter. It is cruel beyond words."

But why is Hitchens a Holocaust denier? In 1996 he argued in Vanity Fair that St Martin's Press had behaved contemptibly by unilaterally breaking its contract to publish David Irving's *Goebbels*. He even thought it was a pretty good book. In Richard Cohen's view Kissinger has attempted to silence a critic by, in effect, "questioning his sanity."

I've done a lot more defending of revisionism than Christopher Hitchens has but I don't think I have ever been charged with being insane. The charge of insanity is reserved for those writers who have a substantial income. They can hire lawyers to defend themselves. They can plead it's not their fault, that they're crazy. It's not so easy when you are charged only with being "coldly malicious." Where's the defense against that? There's nothing in it for the lawyers.

The Evanston Public Library used to shelve Arthur Butz's *Hoax of the Twentieth Century*. A curious soul, wondering if it still does, looked for it in the EPL catalog via the Internet. Yes, it's still there. It is now

listed as an "adult book," which usually means that children under eighteen can not get their hands on it. So Evanston high school kids are protected from the *Hoax*, but once they're unfortunate as to be old enough to go to college, they're on their own.

Holocaust denial is finding increasing acceptance in certain Arab circles as part of their anti-Israel propaganda, according to a feature story in The Jerusalem Post (14 June). Such "circles" exist in most every Arab country I could name, and it goes beyond Arab countries to Muslim states in general. This is very troubling to the Holocaust Industry, as their spokesmen are pointing out to us with an increasing enthusiasm.

Deborah Lipstadt thinks the Arabs are dumb, but we would expect that from this deeply religious personality: "It shows the depth of their [Arab] anti-Semitism and their hatred of the Jews, and the depth to which their hatred overcomes their logic." Moreover, arguing against Holocaust facts "also shows their tactical stupidity. (…) What makes them do it? Either their hatred of Jews overrides everything else, or there is a disconnect -- the people who are doing it are not thinking tactically."

For Lipstadt serious protests against revisionism must first come from the US. "'What we should be hearing from our State Department, as much as it's going to be involved, is: 'you want confidence builders? OK, we're not going to talk about withdrawal, we're not talking about putting down arms. But [H. revisionism]? This is certainly not a 'confidence builder: this is a confidence-shatterer.'"

The JP then reports that Lipstadt's "fear for the future are Arab students walking around saying they know that there was no Holocaust, because they learned it in their textbooks. 'A colleague of mine said: The bombs last a minute, and they can do terrible damage. But this stuff is an incendiary device that lasts generations.'"

Just so! There are an increasing number of Arab and Muslim circles that are thinking very tactically indeed. More than tactically – strategically. Using words to make their case, not guns. In the end the word will triumph over the gun. Of course, being human, those who win using the word will then turn to the gun to keep what they have won with the word and to overcome those who have not yet learned to use the word effectively. That's how we are.

The latest drama about Anne Frank, the much ballyhooed ABC television miniseries that played the end of May, is remarkable for at least one fact. According to The Washington Times (17 May) "it is not based on the diary…." Rather, it is based on a 1998 book by Melissa Muller, *Anne Frank: The Biography*, and on additional research by its screenwriter and co-producer Kirk Ellis.

Ellis says he "avoided using any direct diary quotes" from the "diary." Ellis views the diary "primarily as a literary work." (Muller's book quotes extensively from Anne's diaries, "both her original version and the version she was amending at the time of her death.") Ellis then observes that Otto Frank himself said that the diary "was a revelation to him because his daughter never spoke this way." That is, the way she wrote. All this takes us back to one of the one of the points Robert Faurisson made about the "Diary" twenty-odd years ago. It's not a "diary." It's a literary work. Therefore, it's not a factual historical document. One more example of radical revisionist work entering mainstream consciousness, with no acknowledgement.

Screenwriter Ellis, after debating the issue with himself, even chose not to use Anne's famous statement, "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart." Why? Because it is "such a misrepresentation of what happened to her." I can see why this is a sticking point for those who treat the manuscript as an historical document rather than a literary one. The sticking point is that Anne didn't say "Jews" are really good at heart. She didn't mention Englishmen or Dutchmen or Russians or Frenchmen or Hungarians. She wrote "people." That would include Germans. Germans are people today, and they were people when Anne was rewriting her diary. And that is the sticking point on the other end of the equation.

When TV playwright Ellis notes that "Anne's ideas as a writer and as a person were in transition at the time of her arrest," he must be correct. She was a natural writer. She was working on an autobiographical manuscript based on diary notes. That's oftentimes what autobiographical writers do. She was at odds with her father and mother. She was in danger. She was smart. She was feeling sexy. She was growing up. And she may very well have been coming to the very human conclusion that Germans were caught up in the extravagant events of the day just as the Dutch and the Jews were. Ellis believes, in effect, that Anne didn't know what she was talking about. I would like to think she did, because I think she was right. At bottom people really are – good at heart.

Expect every day to be different. Okay. I reported here last month that things were going better with Paloma. That was about when things started going very bad indeed. Three weeks ago we committed her (again) to a no-frills Mexican detoxification center. No frills meaning, for example, that if you want to wash yourself with warm water you have to make a wood fire to heat a bucket of water. The center is on a dirt road at the end of a narrow rocky canyon. I takes about thirty-five minutes to get there traveling at ten, fifteen miles per hour. As you approach the little bowl with the handful of barracks-like buildings you can see the lookouts on the rocks silhouetted against the sky. It makes me think of a 19th century military post in Indian Territory.

This story is cribbed from the June 20 issue of La Voz de Aztlan, a radical Mexican-American newspaper published in Los Angeles.. The paper was rooting for Mexican-American Antonio Villargairosa during the race for Los Angeles mayor. Villargairosa lost to an "anglo."

Meanwhile, La Voz discovered at a press conference that Villargairosa, who has had a formidable career in California state politics, had raised 18 million dollars for the "Jewish 'Museum of Tolerance,'" or, The Simon Wiesenthal Center. He said: "That amount of money is unprecedented in the history of this state. I put the money together because I agree with the Rabbis who work there, Rabbi May, Rabbi Cooper...."

The reporter for La Voz found this to be a "shocking revelation! Eighteen million dollars is a lot of money for a museum with a definite political agenda and a well known 'indoctrination program' involving hundreds of thousands of school children per year from local school districts that are forced to attend at $5.50 per head."

La Voz "thought that rabbis were holy men so we thought nothing of calling [Rabbi Cooper] to ask some questions concerning the 18 million dollars.... On the first call we were informed that Rabbi Cooper was in Washington D.C. and were told to call back three days later. We called back three days later and were informed that the rabbi was unavailable and the Director of Public Relations inquired about the nature of our call. When we explained, things turned ugly. The lady got very defensive and belligerent. She asked us to please wait, pretending that she was attempting to direct our call, but we got the distinct impression that they were attempting to trace our call. She accused us of intimidating and threatening them and when we asked her if she was recording the call she said 'yes'".

"We have since learned that Rabbi Cooper is actually a lobbyist in Washington D.C for the Zionist Movement in America and has spent millions of dollars attempting to pass laws against "freedom of the press" on the Internet. He has testified before the U.S. Senate and wants tighter controls over web sites that question things like La Voz de Aztlan does. This way nobody will have the ability to question things like the 18 million dollars of taxpayer funds given him by Villargairosa.

"Interesting Note: Chief Rabbi Marvin Hier along with his wife draws an annual salary of over $750,000. It looks like the "holocaust" has now become a very lucrative industry for many rabbis."

Not only do the H. Industry people have their hands full with emerging "circles" of uppity Arabs all over the Middle East and North America – but now the Mexicans? But then this is the reaction that the kind of tolerance promoted by The Museum of Tolerance creates. It's odd that they don't really understand this.

Historians Without Borders versus Propagandists Without Morals

Robert H. Countess, Ph.D.

I founded Historians Without Borders [HWB] on March 25, 2001, on the analogy to Physicians Without Borders. Its purpose is to assemble select field teams to make on-site observations, to investigate specific problems in Holocaust and related studies, and to do so without political considerations or political correctness and to apply a scientific approach to historiography

The purpose of this first HWB field trip would be to examine Krema II Leichenkeller I, the alleged Homicidal Gassing Chamber [HGC] which Van Pelt and others allege to be "a Holy of Holies" and wherein up to one million Jews [of course, Jews, since the Holocaust Legend is fanatically fixated on Jewish ethnocentrism!] were gassed with Zyklon B, a very dangerous gaseous agent used for a century in some American States at prisons to put murderers to death.

I attempted to assemble a team that could meet me in Prague, Czech Republic. Prague is an excellent location with a modern airport, the ancient Charles University, charm, hotels and restaurants, and an Autobahn system that is nearly complete to the Polish border some five hours drive by rental car. [I was told in Prague that Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's, came from a family of Plzen Krocs. If true, then he may be the most famous Czech in the World!]

At Auschwitz there is an eerie silence or, at best, whispering devotees acting in accord with the sign at the entrance that tells visitors to honor the memory of the dead from Hitlerite crimes by maintaining a quiet reverie. Technical details of this first HWB field trip cannot be revealed since the Holo-dogmatists might thus be informed of some of the methods that the HWB Director holds to be vital to solving the Robert Faurisson "No holes? No Holocaust!" controversy once and for all

I found Building F at Birkenau, the large Sauna, open. In 1989--my first visit – it was closed to the public. Now it has slightly raised glass flooring for tourists and there are signs in the rooms in Polish, English, and Hebrew. In 1989 I crawled through a broken window at the rear of this very important building, took photos of the "dirty side" with the "Eine Laus dein Tod" (One Louse, Your Death) clearly readable. But now, this wall sign has been removed, or painted over, and I am puzzled as to why.

This Sauna could have provided the best facility for mass extermination. Unlike the Kremas, the Sauna possessed all the appearances of a real shower-processing center. There would have been no need for the SS to camouflage the building. It possessed no appearance of killing apparatus. On the other hand, the Kremas, with their chimneys and stacks of coal and coke, were obviously places for the burning of corpses. As such, average people

with at least average intelligence might have panicked and attempted to flee from long queues waiting to enter such a building with its obvious signs of "death."

Even so, in the Sauna there are signs erected for tourists that are sinister in their connotation and promote the idea of an extermination plan. Always and everywhere the tourist must be presented with the mass extermination concept, because without it "Auschwitz" becomes just another concentration camp for forced labor, internees and transit activity for Jews being sent "into the East" [Belarus and Ukraine] to build roads and drain swamps etc.

At the main camp of Auschwitz, I had asked the official tour guide if the swimming pool was part of the tour. He said: "No."

I walked to it and took photos as I did twelve years earlier. Now there is the standard three language sign that describes this pool as a fire reservoir. I mentioned to a Jewish tourist sitting nearby that this was obviously a swimming pool. The man replied that it was only for use in case of a fire. At that remark I looked to my right and then to the left and pointed out to him two red and yellow painted fire hydrants and said: "Those are for fighting a fire."

In order to use the Auschwitz pool for firefighting there would have had to have been large numbers of buckets for a bucket brigade, an ineffective method for putting out a fire in brick and concrete buildings. I might even suggest an analogy to "No holes? No Holocaust!" – "No buckets? No fire-fighting reservoir!"

Historians Without Borders has made a very modest first effort, but it was the first of what will become numerous field trips. Holocaust Studies must continue to focus on actual scientific historiography rather than on dogma, politics and emotion. Interested volunteers are encouraged to apply to the Director, at boblbpinc@earthlink.net for the 2002 field trip.

The Holocaust Question

Ignore the Thought Police.
Read the evidence.
Judge for yourself.

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This is the "sticker" that I printed while I was in Visalia. It's slightly reduced here to fit in the column. The lettering is black on a bright, glossy yellow background. I thought it was kind of a fun idea and that it would be productive as well. I didn't know how much interest there would be in it. The 3,000 stickers I printed are just about gone – 10, 50, 100 at a time -- so I will print it again.

One way to use the sticker that didn't occur to me, but did to several of you, is to use it to seal the back of the junk mail (postage paid) envelopes you receive in the mail. Costs nothing, and goes through many hands before reaching its final destination. But there are many ways to use it, and it stays where it is put, one advantage it has over a leaflet (I will reprint my leaflet The Holocaust Controversy: the Case for Open Debate, this month.

BUSINESS

In August, as usual, there will be no ***Smith's Report***. With the September issue I plan to change the routine a bit. While I have always mailed **SR** first class, I will mail it bulk rate. While I will realize a small savings in postal costs, that isn't what interests me in the change.

The real advantage is that I will be able to include up to four ounces of material in the envelope rather than one ounce at the same postage rate. I am not planning to increase the pages of **SR**, but if I need more pages for one issue, I will have them. I am not planning to include materials from ***The Online Revisionist***, or the CODOHWeb Discussion Forum with every mailing, but if I want to I will have the ability to do so without paying triple or quadruple the postage.

The disadvantage of mailing via bulk is that it takes longer to be delivered. Nevertheless, most newsletters are mailed bulk. It's been my experience that there will be very few of you who will experience any significant delay in receiving **SR**. I believe the benefits will outweigh any disappointment on that score.

Meanwhile, the Campus Project is about to take a new turn. I hope to have some good news for you here in **SR83**. And I am finally able to update the **SR** Catalog of documents published on CODOHWeb and other revisionist sites that, for the most part, will never be available in print form.

Once again I want to thank you for your continued support. There's no one else.

Bradley

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NOTEBOOK

Bradley R. Smith

Well, Willis Carto's Liberty Lobby has closed its doors and its weekly newspaper, *The Spotlight*, is finished. In July U.S. bankruptcy Judge S. Martin Teel Jr. dismissed the Lobby's latest claim for Chapter 11 protection. The end of the Lobby came about after the Institute for Historical Review won a multimillion dollar judgment against Mr. Carto on grounds that he diverted funds from IHR's parent company, the Legion for the Survival of Freedom, to his own interests.

At the end, *Spotlight* had about 90,000 subscribers, down from an estimated 300,000-plus in the early 1980s. Seven years ago, when IHR removed Carto from the organization, of which he was the principle founder, I had no idea all this was going to happen. At the beginning I didn't know about the money – some $17-million – nearly all of which "disappeared."

The trouble at IHR between Carto and the staff of the *Journal of Historical* review began long before the issue of money came up. I remember in the mid-1980s hearing Carto say that revisionist theory had done its work and that it was time to move on to

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Smith is one of the Top Ten Extremists in America

According to the ADL

Bradley R. Smith

Since 1983, Bradley R. Smith has effectively functioned as the Holocaust Denial movement's chief propagandist and outreach director in the United States. Smith was the first director of the Media Project of the Institute for Historical Review, he took Holocaust denial to TV and radio stations across the Nation. He achieved his greatest notoriety, however, as the director of the Committee for Open Debate of [sic] the Holocaust, whose mission is to disseminate denial to students on college campuses.

Quoted from the most recent article published as a booklet and on its World Wide Website by the Anti-Defamation League.

As noted here in **SR82**, The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) has published a paper on the World Wide Web titled "Extremism in America" (1) where it lists the ten most dangerous extremists in the country. I find that I'm on the list – one of the most dangerous men in the land (there are no women on the list). I'm reminded of those serial murderers listed on the FBI's Most

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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report *and the issues it addresses. I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I cannot reply to correspondence. Not enough hours in the day. I have space to print a very small number of your letters. If you do not want your name published in* **SR**, *please make that plain. Thanks.*

[What follows is a recent exchange of letters via E-mail. I had recently written an op-ed piece about terrorism and the Middle East and distributed it to those large campus papers that publish during the summer quarter. The piece has not yet been published, ASMarques had not seen it, but the subject was on my mind.]

There are Jewish folk who spend their time pointing out to me how Jews contribute to dissolving national entities based on blood and soil, and who at the same time claim that Israel, the priceless national entity based on blood and soil, should never be dissolved.

Alternatively, there are folks who try to convince me that the strong are entitled to rule and blood and soil should be the stuff of healthy culture & politics. They claim that Israel is a hellish entity because, well, down there the strong think blood and soil are the stuff of healthy culture & politics. Confusing.

Why in heaven is the Palestinian use of indiscriminate bombing worse than anybody else's much more indiscriminate bombing, such as area-bombing the enemy from the air? Or, alternatively, why is the Jewish incarceration and murder of Palestinians a worse sin than the German incarceration and murder of Jews was, when Germany too was – according to the strong – fighting for its life?

ASMarques

This gets sorted out pretty easily if one does not support the initiation of force to gain social or political goals, and if one thinks in terms of individuals rather than groups—standard libertarian ideas.

BRS

I agree with the method, but it's not easy to convince anti-libertarians *in power* that liberty is more powerful in the long run than their repressive ideas will ever be. Anyway I'm just *reminding* some folks of the facts of life, not trying to achieve conversions. I just think of myself as a sort of Pinocchio's cricket. It's the way I see my possible usefulness. Don't forget, I'm probably the only one on this list who actually lived for 26 years under one of those regimes [Portuguese] that were invented in the past century by the well-meaning, patriotic, religious, all-around good people sometimes called—for short—fascists.

I know a few things about the censorship of ideas that many of you may ignore and I like to occasionally express my dislike for those who think they are the ones who know which racial policies and which ideologies should be entitled to police enforcement in some future "New Order" of their own. While making good points on the present day hypocrisy concerning such stuff as the "Holocaust," some of these people are not exactly fond of libertarian ideas, and affirm the supremacy of flesh-blood-and-mind individuals over countries, races and other similar abstractions.

ASMarques

I wasn't really criticizing, just making an observation. I think the Palestinians were in the back of my mind. I should think most everyone wishes them the best, and that they are successful in liberating themselves from Israeli authority. Meanwhile, a Palestinian "hero" (and he was a "hero" in the way we use the word) has just killed a bunch of Jewish kids and some babies. Thinking groupthink rather than one on one.

BRS

One on one is better. The human bomb guy was a poor wretch and the Arab folks jumping up and down in the streets celebrating are misguided. No wonder here. Multitudes always are, even when one can perceive the reasons for their acting the way they do. I don't claim to know exactly what should be done. Not a very embarrassing claim, since this is one of the most problematic spots on the World. However, I do most definitely know what should *not* be done, what should be avoided. And that is: area-bombing and group-thinking.

ASMarques

No area bombing – that is no killing of the innocent for the deeds of the guilty – at the very least. No groupthink – at the very least. Elegant, but easier said than done. I have many revisionist friends who do not buy it.

BRS

That's why there is no ideological core to revisionism. It's still simply a method, not an ideology, though a method with wide political implications that will sometimes be exploited in undesirable senses. Anyway, the less numerous the members of a group, the smarter it gets. Given sufficient numbers, a multitude becomes less smart than a caterpillar. Of course, revisionism will grow and grow, and we'll all pass away.

I have no recipes for Israelis or Palestinians, or Kurds or Tibetans or what have you. We can only hope people will somehow be able to reason one day. But propaganda lies are an important key to understanding contemporary history. That's one reason revisionism is so important. Truth has at least a chance in the long run. That's as far as I can see. Also no area bombing. That's the key to not becoming entangled with one's own enemies. Otherwise we grow very fast from pizzeria bombs to Dresden and Hiroshima: it's simply a matter of available power.

ASMarques

Your first sentence took me by suprise. "That's why there is no ideological core to revisionism." Never

occured to me to state it so simply. That's exactly it. I'll rip it off sooner rather than later. I remember Willis Carto speaking at an IHR conference maybe fifteen years ago remarking on the revisionist "movement" and he said -- "and it is a movement" -- and how my mind stopped for a moment because it had not occured to me that I had joined one.

BRS

One of the interesting things with revisionism, considering its potential political impact (maybe we can start talking about "actual" impact), is you don't detect any fundamental ideology subjacent to it, despite the "ism." Or rather, you detect just about every ideology dreamed off in the last couple of millennia, which is no small wonder given the small revisionist numbers. But those ideologies come on the fringes, not at the center. They travel with individuals and have little or nothing to do with "revisionism" itself.

At the center of revisionism is a simple and beautiful "idea," not an ideology which can be very complex but is a set of ideas distorted to fit simple minds. I think this single idea can be expressed thus: *Truth Saves.* This is a single idea, indeed an act of faith (actually the only possible one that has any chance of making sense), not an ideology or a voting contest or a dictator's whim or whatever. In my opinion, if it's right, there may be room for collective hope.

An "ideological" core is not necessary when nothing more complex is being treated than simply insisting on the core value that -- truth exists. Even libertarians and anarchists have ideologies and "programs." But the revisionist "program" is a skeletal one: "keep looking, make what you find available to others, and resist censorship as best you can." No room for party politics or ideologies here, unless one is talking of "anti-censorship politics".

Revisionism is simply the application of the scientific method -- the true one, not the Marxist farrago of pseudo-science -- to the field of history, including contemporary history. "Politics and propaganda" come only in the wake of imposed censorship, and that's how it should be.

ASMarques

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My life is something of an open book. **Smith's Report** *is not the place to write it. Nevertheless, I do report here on some of the distractions in my life that impact on the work. We live only one life, no matter how attractive the thought of compartmentalizing it might be. Every month I receive one or more letters from* **SR** *readers who have been prompted by something I have written about my life to tell me something about theirs. I seldom print these letters, and I feel very uncomfortable to have to say that I almost never respond to them, for the same reasons I do not respond to other correspondence -- time.*

I am printing the one below because it illustrates so well, in a very few words, the everyday lesson of awful experience, an uncomplaining acceptance of it, a sense of principle where nothing is owed, and the human need for beauty amidst it all that has been the message to me from so many of you.

I'm sorry for the long silence but in June last year my wife died and I fear a period of neurasthenia (do they still use that term?) overcame me. At the beginning of this year I was diagnosed with lung cancer and other boring medical issues. At any rate, I rather lost interest in everything and days, weeks went by without my opening letters and the like. I neglected everything. It was shameless. My conscience troubled me and yet I did nothing. I felt I could do nothing.

But now, in my second chemotherapy session (when my looking glass tells me I look ridiculous, like a character out of Beckett, in weakness and surrounded by wisps and sheaves of my hair, I'm sending you a check. How's that for a sign of recovery? It gives me great pleasure to send it to you before the quacks get the rest of what I have.

Your difficulties with Paloma are most distressing. I wish there was something I could say. Don't lose hope, above all keep writing. After a long silence, I'm back at it myself, though I tire easily. Your descriptions of the countryside and of sunsets and sunrises are especially good. Do write more about your more secular life and gives us some sunrises. Last summer and this one have had long, long nights and we can all use some of the purposefulness that your writing, in its quiet and understated way, embodies.

J.O'S. New York City

EXTREMISM Continued

Wanted list -- it may be nice to see your photo on the post office bulletin board, but is it what you really want?

What have I done to be taken so seriously? Placing advertisements in student newspapers? Asking for some back and forth on a historical issue? Encouraging intellectual freedom, even with regard to the Holocaust question? Always with the cooperation of student editors, their business managers and faculty advisors? That makes me one of the top ten extremists in the nation? Maybe it just doesn't take that much anymore.

The ADL home page for Extremism in America shows a photograph of the Oklahoma City Federal Building after it was bombed by Timothy McVeigh, et al. Is that what intellectual freedom leads to? The mass murder of civilians and their children? I've never thought so. Intellectual freedom promises a non-violent exchange of ideas, encourages communication among disparate sections of the citizenry, creates confidence in an open society, and has the inherent characteristic of illuminating every public issue, as if in the light of day, so that secret societies and special interest groups are open to the same scrutiny as ordinary individuals.

The one common thread among those on the ADL's Top Ten list of extremists in America is that they are

all involved with the White racialist movement. I'm the one exception, but I made the list anyhow. How? In a free society racialist theory should be on the table for open debate, but I have never been a member of a racialist organization or promoted racialist ideology. It wasn't a difficult decision for me to make. I didn't have to wrestle with my soul. The first barrier for me was the last. I have always disliked how too many racialists use the language. There are many individual exceptions, but a rule of thumb appears to be to use the language in a way that is both vulgar and self-defeating.

Why am I the only designated extremist in the ADL's Top Ten who is not part of the racialist movement? I think we all know why. Because anyone who questions the orthodox version of the Holocaust story, particularly the homicidal gassing chambers, "hates Jews." While this is a childish, if not a stupid concept, it has worked in America for half a century so there is no reason for ADL Jews to let it get away from them. Jews are not much of a race, but when it comes to the science and rewards of victimlogy it is very good business for ADL Jews to consider Jews to be something "like" a race, an "ethnic" group, or, as the man most responsible for the founding of Israel used to say, a "people."

I think many individuals in the Industry sincerely believe that only someone who hates Jews could possibly question the gas chamber stories. These are not stupid people, but they have allowed themselves to be stupefied by their own rhetoric. For these people, hating Jews is just as bad, worse, than hating Blacks and the "mud" people. Others in the Industry certainly feel that questioning the gas chamber stories is *probably* anti-Jewish, so while they are not certain they don't want to take any chances and urge its suppression on principle. And then there's the problem that those who work for the Industry either make their living suppressing revisionist theory, or would have their income affected negatively by speaking out in support of intellectual freedom on the question. For many of these fighters-against-hate then, it's a bread and butter issue.

The author of Extremism in America is not listed, but is most likely Jeffrey Ross. Jeffrey is the fellow in charge of the "campus desk" at ADL headquarters in New York City. He's been on my case for ten years now. Everywhere I run an ad it's been Ross's job to see to it that the staff of the student paper, its faculty advisor, and the president of the college is contacted and chastised, urged to publish a condemnation of the ad, and warned to not make the same mistake again.

In Extremism in America Jeffrey has given me my own page, complete with photograph, background information, and then a history of my extremist actions and accomplishments. My page is titled "Bradley Smith / The Committee For Open Debate of [sic] the Holocaust (CODOH)." The first line of my personal background is my date of birth, January 18, 1939. Jeffrey got the year wrong, and he got the month wrong, but one out of three isn't that bad when I recall what the ADL has produced about me over the years. It's not important, but I was born on 18 February 1930.

I always imagined Ross to be a nervous, thin little guy with a beard, about thirty years old maybe. No mature person would describe me to student editors as "scum," as Ross has. But the other day I saw a photograph of Jeffrey Ross. He's twenty or thirty years older than I imagined him to be, has no beard, he's not short, he's putting on weight, and looks more or less like a small town college professor or businessman. He looks normal. These people can fool you.

I see too that ADL is still circulating the old story that Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH) was "initially funded by William Curry," a Nebraskan businessman. It's not true. I've told them it's not true, I've repeated on radio that it's not true and reported in my newsletter (which Jeffery is very familiar with) that it's not true, but they like the story so here it is again. William Curry had nothing to do with the initial funding of CODOH. In the first place, CODOH didn't have any initial funding. CODOH was founded the day I typed up a letterhead that read Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH), and had some copies made at my Iranian-Jewish copy shop on Highland Boulevard in Hollywood. I think I had fifty copies printed and the bill was about two dollars and fifty cents. And that was it.

It's not really very important one way or the other – what difference would it make – but I have always wondered, why do the ADL folk keep repeating the statement when they know I deny it and they have no proof that it is true? What's in their heads? I needed funding. I certainly would have accepted funding from Mr. Curry if he had offered it, but he didn't. I had never met the man when I founded CODOH, never talked to him, never to my recollection received a note from him. Nothing. Yet here it is again. Why? I think I have finally realized what this is all about. Jeffery (I will take it as a given until I learn differently that Jeffrey is responsible for Extremism in America) has put something together which must have been on his mind all this time, something that just never occurred to me.

In Extremism is America Jeffrey writes that in 1986 Curry attempted to place a full-page ad in the *Daily Nebraskan*, the student newspaper at University of Nebraska. It was refused. Curry then offered $5,000 to the university to pay for a speaker who would debate revisionist theory at an academic conference. The offer was refused. He wrote letters to the editor of various newspapers, and disseminated his ideas through mass mailings.

> *These four tools – purchasing ad space in student newspapers, sponsoring debates, writing letters to the editor and sending direct mail – were all adopted by CODOH....*

That's it then! At last! It's pure speculation, it's all wrong, but there is in fact a clear logic of coincidence to it. I do remember talk about Curry's full-page ad and how it was refused,

though I don't think I ever saw the text. I do remember talk about the $5,000 offer to debate revisionism being refused. I don't know anything about Curry's letter writing campaigns or the mass mailings. In 1986 I was doing radio. I had my hands full with it. But the story makes sense if you want it to. William Curry tried to publish a full-page ad in a campus newspaper so that's what gave me the idea to do it. He offered money to get a debate going over revisionist theory, so I followed his lead. And why wouldn't I? After all, William Curry "initially funded" CODOH. It's all nonsense. But at last I see the "logic" in Jeffrey's obsession with William Curry and CODOH.

As a matter of fact, in addition to William Curry not initially funding CODOH, I do not remember that he ever contributed any money whatever to CODOH or to me. Not a dime. Maybe he did. But I do remember one afternoon a few days before Christmas when we were still in Hollywood and I received a $400 check from a revisionist organization that Curry was affiliated with. It was about 1987. The check was a lifesaver. We didn't have any money at all. I felt so grateful that I got Curry's phone number from a mutual friend and rang him up. I had never spoken to him. I identified myself. It must have been about eight o'clock in the evening in Nebraska. I thanked him with some fervor for the check and started to go on about it when he interrupted me.

Curry said: "I didn't send you any money. I don't want your thanks."

I was stopped in my tracks. I mumbled some apology and hung up. It turned out that my friend Fritz Berg, who was also affiliated with the same organization (I don't remember now what it was called) had sent me the money.

A couple years later I did meet William Curry. I was invited through a mutual friend to spend the weekend at his winter home in Borrego Springs in the desert south of Palm Springs. Curry was probably in his seventies then, white haired, rather an invalid, and needed an oxygen tank at his side
during dinner. His manner was what we used to call "crusty." There were maybe eight of us at a lively supper table, including his charming wife. He asked me how I had gotten into revisionism and I told him the story about reading Faurisson's paper on Auschwitz and the Rumor of the Gas Chambers, and how I had sensed immediately that something was wrong with the stories.

"That was short and clear," Curry said. " That's what I like."

I had the impression that he had asked that question of others and had gotten some long-winded answers. I asked him how he had gotten into revisionism and he related an anecdote about how after the war in Europe he had met a G.I. at a bar in England (maybe it was Germany) who told him that the stories about the Dachau gas chambers were not true. Curry said: "I looked into it and found out that the Dachau gas chamber was crap. Afterwards I looked into the other gas chamber stories and found out they were crap too. Sometimes I think the whole goddamned war was crap."

Sometimes I think the same thing. No – that's what I think about it every time I think about it. I would like to have gotten to know William Curry better, but I had to return to Hollywood that night, my mother was having a problem, and I never saw him again.

Meanwhile, I'm back in action with the dreaded Campus Project. Now that I have become aware (again) of how important my work is to the ADL, how closely its agents read everything I publish, I will report here only after the fact on the upcoming successes (and failures) of the new Campus Project for the 2001 – 2002 academic year. I'm looking forward to it.

CODOH ON THE INTERNET

The accesses to documents on CODOHWeb are in the normal summer "slump." Students are off campus until the fall quarter, the citizenry in general is moving about, going on vacation, doing summer things. So I was surprised when I added up the figures.

During July documents on CODOHWeb were accessed 577,210 times. I really didn't expect such a high count. Not only because we are in the summer "slump," but because the Campus Project has been very low key since the first of the year, which translates into CODOHWeb getting much less publicity that it normally would have had. And it was interesting to note that of the 577,000-plus hits on CODOHWeb, almost 160,000 of them were accesses to our E-zine – ***The Revisionist*** ("E-zine" is Internet jargon for "electronic magazine"). That is, almost one-third of the hits on CODOHWeb these days are accesses to ***The Revisionist*** – "Americas only Holocaust Revisionist E-zine."

Paul Grubach, who has written for the Journal of Historical Review, is being read by an increasing number of people in ***The Revisionist***. He's producing opinion pieces as well as longer critical articles. Those that are being read now include: "An Open Letter to Deborah Lipstadt" and "Why Won't Deborah Lipstadt Debate the Holocaust Revisionists?" There is a short piece on "Hunting Demjanjuk: Injustice, Double Standards, and Ulterior Agendas," and a sharp reply to the ADL's latest on Smith: "A Revisionist Response to the Anti-Defamation League: Bradley Smith, His Publications, and the Charge of Extremism." Most recently we have published his 7,600-word essay "Israel, Zionism, and the Racial Double Standard." These are each what we call "hard-hitting," and are all on the mark.

J. P. Bellinger's "Can I Sell You a Testimony?" was one of the top ten pieces during July, John Weir had two opinion pieces that were being read:

Richard Widmann, Editor in Chief of ***The Revisionist***, is represented in the Top Ten month after month, usually with more than one piece. His three articles listed here have become "must reading" for those who sign in to ***The Revisionist***. These three "perennials" are "George Orwell," "How Fahrenheit 451 Trends Threaten Intellectual Freedom", and his most recent opinion piece "The Holocaust Happened."

The Founding Myths of Israeli Politic, by Roger Garaudy, "The Suppressed Eichmann and Goebbels Papers" by David Irving (from the Journal of Historical Review), and the "Speech of Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler at Posen 4 October 1943" trans. by Carlos Porter have become "standard" works for those going to CODOHWeb for months now.

Something of a surprise to see in the Top Ten is Samuel Crowell's "Defending Against the Allied Bombing Campaign: Air Raid Shelters and Gas Protection in Germany, 1939-1945," as it is a long technical work. But then Crowell is the author of *The Gas Chamber of Sherlock Holmes*. It is published on CODOHWeb and anyone who reads even a part of it will want to become familiar with anything whatever written by Crowell.

And then there is "Hot Links," compiled by CODOH (technically) but in reality compiled almost entirely by David Thomas, our volunteer (he has oftentimes "paid" for the privilege of being a CODOH volunteer) Webmaster. Hot Links is "A Guide to Web Services, Strange Pages, and Reference Resources. It would take a substantial essay to describe what Hot Links consists of.

For the first time I have printed out the Index (19 pages), and a couple sub indexes, "Banned Books On-Line (6 pages), and "Tangled Web: The Consequences (21 pages) which is chock full of Internet sites that deal with the "consequences" of the U.S. Congress funding Israeli Government policies for the last half century.

If you do not have access to CODOHWeb, these three indexes to Hot Links will give you a good idea of the breadth and depth of what we make available. You'll be surprised.

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NOTEBOOK Continued

other issues. He wanted to use the *Journal* to address the issues that were being addressed by *Spotlight*. I was never employed by the *Journal* but I had "signed on" with the Institute to take revisionism public, not get involved in the Fed, racialist issues, conspiracy theories or – any of the other stuff that *Spotlight* was involved with.

By 1992, after years of nagging and pressure from Carto, the editorial direction of the *Journal* moved in his direction. From that point on there was on average maybe of one racially tinged article, review, quote, etc. per issue. I remember early on in this period when the *Journal* published an article by Jared Taylor, editor of the excellent *American Renaissance*. It may have been the first (if I recall correctly) overtly "racial" article to be published in the *Journal*. I felt betrayed by this turn in events. I felt something was about to come apart. I wrote an angry letter to the editor protesting, not the article itself which was a good article, but the *Journal* having published it. The letter was published and I made some enemies and lost some supporters.

Then, during the second Mermelstein trial Ted O'Keefe and others who were helping trial lawyer Mark Lane prepare IHR's case, it was discovered that some $10-million dollars that should have gone to the Legion for Survival/IHR had somehow "disappeared." Not only that – but Carto had known about the bequest and had not "mentioned" it to anyone at the Institute. Why?

Then there was one thing after another. While never taking legal responsibility for IHR, Carto involved IHR and its employees as defendants in two copyright infringement suits. After IHR had won the Mermelstein libel etc. suit, Carto pushed to sue Mermelstein for malicious prosecution against all competent advice. He made quixotic publishing decisions without consulting staff at IHR, such as contracting to pay Leon Degrelle upwards of a quarter million dollars for his Hitler hagiolatry, and then ordering it published by IHR, not Noontide.

The underlying problem from the start was that Carto wanted to run a non-profit foundation staffed by idealists, who were giving up any possibility for a career in mainstream life, as if it were his own private business being run for his own private interests. He wanted to be the principle figure in the organization, exercise full authority, be the behind the scenes managing editor of the Journal, run the institute's board of directors, and all the while attempting to take little or no legal responsibility. So Liberty Lobby is finished, *Spotlight* is finished, IHR is struggling, and millions of dollars are "missing." Missing from IHR, that is. We may never know if it is "missing" indeed.

Mark Weber, IHR's present director, told *The Washington Times*: "This is a welcome culmination of an exhausting, costly, bitter legal and public relations dispute." *The Times* goes on to note that "Mr. Weber has been assailed in the pages of the Spotlight as a "rat," "weasel," "toilet bowl," "cockroach" and "devil." They left out "mutt," which is how Mrs. Elizabeth Carto refers to him in personal letters.

This vulgar language has a familiar ring to it. The Carto's are not what Hemmingway would describe as particularly graceful under pressure. Mark Weber does not use such language. I am reminded of this lack of grace not merely by the quote from *The Washington Times*, but by an incident that happened a few months ago while I was preparing to have supper with a traveler from Germany. I found him at our dining room table

reading an open letter written by Mrs. Elizabeth Carto addressing the weaknesses of my character in a very direct manner. Elizabeth has the right to write what she wants, but I was astonished to find that the letter was a photocopy of one she had written me in 1994 – seven years ago! This was shortly after she and her husband had been tossed out of the IHR – which could never have happened if they had maintained a legal association with it. Elizabeth was upset, I understand that. But to still be distributing the letter after seven years?

A good part of her letter, aside from the personal insults, was critical of my friendship with Andrew Allen. *The Spotlight* has spent endless buckets of ink smearing Allen as an ADL agent. I've never bought the stories, and I don't know anyone who knows him who has. Allen bought me my first computer back in 1990 and has helped me ever since, including as recently as this year when I was on the road with my daughter. Maybe he's in what is called "deep (very deep) cover."

Checking back, I see that with **SR17** I had defended Allen against some of the worst smears published in *Spotlight*. In **SR18** I published Elizabeth's letter condemning me, and my response to it. Then I recalled that after a few months Willis had written me an 18-paragraph letter so insulting that it puts Elizabeth's tasteless and rather non-rational letter in the shade. I published Willis's letter in **SR24** and my responses to it, paragraph by paragraph.

And that was more or less it. Or so I thought. I have been aware for some time, several years really, that a month seldom passes that I do not receive a letter asking me to respond to the charges made against me by one Carto or another. I don't read *Spotlight*, and I don't "follow" the Cartos comings and goings, so I have been uncertain what charges are being referred to. But a couple months ago when I found my German friend reading a photocopy of a seven-year-old letter from Elizabeth Carto I kind of "came to." The Cartos, or at least Elizabeth, is still distributing the slanderous letters they wrote about me six and seven years ago! While most of the charges are badly put, and while some are pathetic, it is only natural that those who receive these old letters wonder how much of them are true.

Maybe you're one of those who has asked me about these charges in the past to which I did not reply, or maybe you have some interest in this behind-the-scenes affair that I lost interest in when I thought it was over.

If so, in exchange for a contribution, I'll send along the three issues of ***Smith's Report*** that deal with it. **SR17** (Spring 94) gives my reaction at that time to the charges made against Andrew Allen in the *Spotlight* up to that time. The charges never ended, Carto was desperate to blame others for the consequences of his own behavior, but I don't think I returned to the subject. **SR18** (Fall 94) contains Elizabeth's letter to me (in which she repeatedly refers to Mark Weber, in that classy way she has, as "mutt Weber") and my response. **SR24** (June/July 95) contains Willis Carto's unusually small-minded letter, and my response to it paragraph by paragraph.

I have made many mistakes, missed many opportunities, and have many weaknesses of character. It's difficult for me to understand how the Cartos could ignore them all and address what they do address in their letters – which *they are still distributing!* My article on the Allen affair, and the two Carto letters and my replies to them, will give you a small insight into how an organization like Liberty Lobby and a publication like the Spotlight, which together raised tens of millions of dollars, if not several hundreds of millions, fell apart because of little more than the sensibilities of those who ran them.

According to *The New York Post* a German bank is financing a resort, including a luxury hotel, golf course and tennis courts, designed around Eagle's Nest at Berchtesgaden, Adolf Hitler's old mountain hideaway. It will be managed by a British company. Thirty million dollars, 146 beds. The hotel itself will go up on land once owned by Hermann Goering.

Abe Foxman thinks it's a "sick" idea. Simon Wiesenthal says it's not so bad: "Hitler traveled all over Germany. Do we say you can't build anywhere just because he has been there?"

Wartime bombing virtually destroyed the complex – and troops later razed what was left of Berghof to avoid it becoming a shrine for neo-Nazis, who still make a pilgrimage there every April 20 – Hitler's birthday.

It's not difficult (for someone like me) to imagine that once the project is finished that "pilgrims" to the site will have access to a level of upscale partying that has not previously been available to them.

Last month I reported that the Hungarian parliament has "refused to discuss measures which would make Holocaust denial [sic] a punishable offense because that would threaten freedom of speech." Now I can report that Estonian President Lennart Meri has called on his country's parliament to declare "equally criminal totalitarian tyrannies of the right and left," an appeal that seems certain to renew the debate about the nature of the crimes of Hitler and Stalin. This is an important move in the right direction. At the same time, it obscures the primary issue.

BLUNDERS & BUSINESS

I spelled Extre[a]mism wrong on the front-page headline in **SR82**.

I included an illustration of the sticker -- **THE HOLOCAUST QUESTION** -- but gave no price for them. It's 10 for $1, 50 for $4, and 7 cents each for 100 or more, all post-paid.

You keep pointing out to me that I do not yet have a notification date on our address labels telling you when your sub is up. I'll have to fix that. Meanwhile, if you will, please check your records. July and August are awful months around here.

Why should the regimes of Hitler and Stalin be declared criminal? Because they took the "lives, freedom, families (and) property" of innocent people. Where does that leave us, and the Estonian President, with respect to the victims of democratic regimes, which have a centuries-old history of committing those very crimes? We have only to reflect on the behavior of the British and French empires with respect to Africa, India and the Middle East, and the American involvement with Africans and Native Americans, to know that there is an unfinished issue here.

It's time to start peeling the labels off of this kind of "criminality" and look at the thing itself. It's not an issue or left and/or right. The thing itself is tyranny – the initiation of force against others. If tyranny is wrong for those labeled fascists, Nazis and communists, it's wrong for Republicans and Democrats as well. This isn't complicated, but there are some who do not want to see it in its simplicity. .

I lived in New York City and Hollywood for thirty years. I remember when it was still fashionable to hear friends repeat the old saw that Hitler did evil, and Stalin did evil too, but "Stalin did evil so that good might come of it." Once I got involved with revisionism, my social circles changed somewhat (heh, heh), and I don't hear that old saw any longer. Now I hear, or hear it implied, that the "democracies" (and particularly America) do evil so that good might come of it."

I don't think so. The democracies – America – does evil because the US Congress doesn't have the least idea how to be a light unto the world without killing the innocent for the deeds of the guilty. I would argue that we stop labeling criminality based on the ideology of the accused and get focused on criminal acts that actually take place, particularly in our name. For starters we could begin by withdrawing our financial support for Zionist/Israeli tyranny, and stop our ten-year bombing campaign against Iraq.

Rabbi Avi Shafran (Jewish World Review, July 27, 2001.) writes that "The most elemental events of Jewish history have been denied even by some Jewish Religious leaders, several of whom have famously gone on record rejecting the historicity of the Exodus, the revelation at Sinai and the conquest of the Land of Israel at the time of Joshua."

Denial, denial! Where's it going to end?

A couple weeks ago my wife and I had to go to the other side and while I was driving North on the freeway at about seventy miles per hour there was something like an explosion and I couldn't see out the windshield. It was shocking. It took an instant to realize that the car's hood had lifted up, blown back and shattered the windshield. I couldn't see because the hood was still up there. I couldn't see out the rearview mirror either and that confused me. The two side rearview mirrors were intact. A minute or two later we were on the shoulder and parked. I saw then why I couldn't see out the back window. The hood had smashed against the windshield frame with such force that it had blown the rear view mirror out of its mooring and into the back seat.

We tied the hood down, drove back to town on the shoulder at about fifteen miles per hour, left the car at a body shop, and called it a day. I thought about how when the hood smashed into the windshield I was shocked, but I wasn't scared. There was real danger, but no fear. I was completely focused on taking care of business. Reflecting on the incident I was reminded of the theory about how fear comes from thought. It had happened so quickly I hadn't had time to think, so I hadn't been afraid. I recalled other experiences I'd had where I was in danger but "thought nothing of it" and did what I was supposed to do. Often as not, I did the right thing.

There's something about this that goes beyond not being afraid only when we are in sudden physical danger. At any moment a belief or viewpoint that gives us a sense of security, place and well being can be competently challenged. We feel threatened. It's possible, in fact, that what we believe is wrong. We feel uneasy. Instead of letting opinion go and seeing things as they are, like when your windshield is shattered and you *can't* see but have to act anyway, we can argue "blindly" against whatever threatens us.

That's what those in the H. Industry do. They've had time to understand that their core belief is being threatened competently. They don't want to see the thing as it is, so they argue, for example, that I am one of the top ten extremists in the land. It's ludicrous. It's comic. Who am I? If those folk want to have an end to their anxiety and bad temper, they are going to have to step back from opinion, look at things as they are, and give up what they can plainly see isn't going to work. That'll do it.

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Bradley

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NOTEBOOK

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The future and the past are wonderful places. The moment is enigmatic. Yesterday morning I was upstairs in the office working on an Op-Ed, waiting for my computer technician to arrive. He was to up-grade my motherboard, CPU and fan. Two hundred and fifty dollars which I didn't really have but was going to spend anyhow because I had kicked off the first step in the campus project and wanted to be able to move quickly as the first stories developed.

The technician was late, which in Baja is not that unusual, but when I was about to call him he called me to say he had been watching television and that the World Trade Center had been attacked by airplanes and that it was gone.

"Ignacio, have you been watching Mexican soap operas again?"

"I am not making a joke. It was attacked and it is gone."

"You mean it has been

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The Path from the World Trade Center to Peace

George Brewer

The mass murder of Americans by Arab terrorists last Tuesday may not seem an obvious topic of discussion for revisionists. This is especially so if one notes the strained links in the chain that goes from alleged Nazi enormities, to the Holocaust Industry, to Israel, and to these terrible atrocities. Yet historical revisionism, first founded in the wake of World War One, is the basis of Holocaust revisionism as well, and both are premised on the idea that the past is continually shaped and altered to fit the needs of the present. It is therefore only right that revisionists would have a stake, not in determining policy, but in making sure that the policies that arise from this massacre are rationally bound.

There is no need to go over the unspeakable details of the suffering endured by the thousands of our fellow countrymen murdered that day, slain by men whose devotion to their beliefs caused them to be sublimely indifferent to the vicious cruelty of their actions. Nor is there much need to go over the proximal causes of the massacres; clearly, America was caught unprepared by men with almost supernatural qualities of determination, focus, and patience. Fixing this part of the problem is easy, since lapses in security and intelligence are not hard to mend, so long

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LETTERS

(*Here is what began as something of an exchange between Ralph Marquardt, a contributor to CODOH-Web, and myself. Because my part in the exchange became little more than a series of questions, I have edited myself out of the text. The exchange took place during the fifth and sixth days following the WTC attack. I was so struck by the startling observation in the opening paragraph of Marquardt's letter, and the viewpoint that followed, that I sent him a number of questions to which he responded in the second.*)

I

Something that I think all of us should be aware of is the fact that, in my opinion, we will never be talking about the Jewish Holocaust the same way again. The deaths of over 5,000 Americans last Tuesday -- twice as many as at Pearl Harbor, and the greatest number of Americans slain ever on one day, including during the Civil War -- *and* on national television -- is something that is going to make most Americans immune to any recounting of Holo-atrocities, no matter how luridly portrayed.

One indication of the matter is that I have yet to see a single reference to "Holocaust," other than to the "WTC Holocaust" (I've seen this several times) in the media, and I am looking. I dare Mr. Wiesel to step out of his Park Avenue digs to inform New Yorkers that what they experienced was *not* a Holocaust.

People live in the present. The events of Tuesday will be ever-present in the minds of Americans for a long time. I can't see any way in which what Germans did to Jews sixty years ago will ever be able to overtake what Arabs did to Americans six days ago. The traditional Holocaust, for all intents and purposes, is over. Let's be realistic: who gives a damn *now* whether there were one two holes or three billion holes in the roof of Krema II?

It's good, therefore, that CODOH is already in the process of broadening its scope to embrace all the implications of the revisionist mandate, which is anti-cant, anti-groupthink, libertarian and individualistic. This means we can potentially have a much wider range of things to write about, matters that are more directly relevant to people than, say, whether or not "Ausrotten" meant "Extermination" in some old speech. This could be interesting. It could be fun.

At the same time, the more we become concerned with the present day, the more we will have to articulate some kind of ground rules: opposition to the majority and to the establishment seem to me to be safe First Principles. Tolerance of different points of view among irascible revisionists is another. We have to think in terms of what people really care about. Today.

By the way, the ADL has issued a press release condemning the instances of bias against Arab Americans. I know that one wasn't easy to write! Yes, now the *Arabs* are a persecuted minority. You gotta love it.

Jewish interests are playing a dangerous game here. It appears that the bombing came from people who have a broad generalized hatred of the West, present in the Arab world because of oil. In other words, they would have done this even if Israel didn't exist. However, the rightwing Jewish position -- that this is being done by Palestinians -- is not good for Israel, because it means, in effect, that 5,000-plus Americans were murdered for Israel's sake. Americans won't tolerate that. Right now Sharon is using the attack as a cover to murder a bunch of Palestinians. But when the smoke clears, Israel's conduct will come under much more severe scrutiny than it has up to now. At that point, Israel will be put under a lot of pressure to make a just peace.

The core of revisionism revolves around the idea that our elites (political, media, industrial) lie to get people to accept political agendas. Revisionism is profoundly democratic, individualistic, and skeptical of all attempts to manipulate anyone or any people. We have to continue to expose such manipulation and lies. Heretofore we have been getting increasingly mired in progressively more detailed analyses of Holocaust events, holes in the roof of Krema 2 for one recent example. Now, however, we can shift into a more freewheeling assault on the manner in which the elites construct fake excuses for failed political agendas.

II

(What follows is Marquardt's response to a second set of questions, where I have again edited myself out. There is some repetition due to my own repeated questions as I was trying to get my brain around Marquardt's thesis.)

It is going to be difficult for revisionists to understand that, politically speaking, the Holocaust is irrelevant to the WTC tragedy, and is irrelevant generally. The entire thrust of Holocaust revisionism from its beginning is that the atrocities against the Jews that did occur during WW2 were exaggerated and contained significant untrue elements in order to (a) demonize Germany, (b) provide ideological support for Israel.

However, Germany is not demonized much these days, the last attempt -- by Harvard's Goldhagen -- five years ago was condemned by academics and others up and down the line, with the exception, of course, of some Jews and some Europeans who just can't let go of their hate. Second, while the Holocaust has become an industry for making money and defending Israel, the level of manipulation of what *did* occur in WW2 has nothing to do any longer with whether six million Jews were killed in gas chambers according to plan, or whether a million Jews were shot into pits as an ad hoc war measure.

The establishment could have backpedaled from the dumbest Holocaust stories a long time ago. The Jews *were* persecuted after all, and they were killed in large numbers. *That alone* could have been exploited to justify the idea that the Jews needed their own state. At any rate, it's as good as the six-million-in-gas-chambers justification for an Israeli state. Because the establishment (and

the Jews) refused to admit their errors and machinations in the face of Butz and Faurisson, many revisionists believed that by forcing the establishment to admit to those errors the Holocaust would more or less cease to exist as a noteworthy event. But that hasn't been the case. The proof lies in the fact that while gas chamber references are down everywhere, Holocaust references are up everywhere -- in media and academia both. Furthermore, the use of the Holocaust to justify Israeli conduct toward the Palestinians and others is becoming less and less frequent. This suggests to me that the manipulation of the Holocaust story would have taken place even if it were claimed that *no* Jews were gassed at Auschwitz.

In fact, no Jews *were* gassed in Auschwitz and the gas chamber story is still being manipulated anyhow. It has to be understood that the basic concept of the Holocaust – that Germans killed Jews, and therefore that Jews deserve their own state where they can be safe -- cannot be overthrown by revisionists. Germans did kill (at least some) Jews, therefore, to the extent that Germans killing Jews means the Jews deserve Palestine, revisionists can't do anything about it. This is what Israel Shamir meant last spring when he wrote that it didn't matter any longer how many Jews were killed, or how they were killed, that these are just "details."

Meanwhile, the generalized definition of the Holocaust, accepted even by most of us, has been exposed in establishment media and among academics by Jews such as Peter Novick and Norman Finkelstein as a tool used to justify Israeli and Neocon Jewish agendas. In Durban earlier this month even Kofi Annan said it was time for Jews to stop using the Holocaust to legitimate their policies against the Palestinians. In short, the manipulation angle has been mainstreamed, while the detailed issues (whether Jews were gassed, etc.) are becoming increasingly irrelevant to real public debate.

The impulse for most revisionists was to expose Jewish manipulation of the Holocaust. That has been thoroughly achieved. The details are all that are left. Now, if the manipulation of the story is exposed, and the demonization of Germans stops, and Israel can no longer depend carte blanche on the sanctity of the story, then the details become what they are: simple historical details with no power, and therefore little interest to most people.

We have *won* on the main point of revisionism, which is: the history of WW2 has been manipulated by various entities for various political purposes. That is understood now. The fact that we are right about the facts -- and that has always been my interest -- is no longer relevant, except to a very small group of people who have to write history books.

Again, if I am right in my view that the Jewish Holocaust will never be talked about in the same way again, there will be even less talk, very much less talk, about Holocaust details – like gas chambers. The "details" no longer matter. No one ever talks about the German expulsions, for example, or the details of the German expulsions, even though these affected more than twice as many people as the Holocaust. If you don't talk about something, it doesn't matter, except to specialists. Since the manipulation of the Holocaust is on a downward spiral – and it has not been invoked one time in the face of the World Trade Center attack – or the Al Aqsa Intifada -- the details of the Holocaust will become increasingly less relevant.

Even if the NY Times announces tomorrow that no one was gassed during WW2, that will be irrelevant to the current Mideast situation. The fact is, Israel exists. It has existed for over 50 years. About 4 million Jewish citizens of the state actually live there, and another 4 million Jews in the USA support them. Neither the existence of Israel, nor the support Israel receives from the US due to the influence of the Jewish population in the USA, would change if American Jews (and the establishment) were to accept the fact that perhaps the Holocaust was a Halfocaust. It is now the facts on the ground that count for everything. The Palestinians understand that, and that's why they expend so little energy on Holocaust revisionism.

Meanwhile, disgust with Israeli policies toward the Palestinian and other issues is widely expressed, not only by Americans but also by many Jews, including many Israelis. So where do we want to go here? Do we want to criticize Israel and ask that it make concessions? Welcome to the club. Many, many people feel that way. But that has nothing to do with gas chambers. It has to do with Israeli behavior, today, on the ground.

Once again, the core of historical revisionism is that historical events, even in their own time, are manipulated to serve political purposes, and these manipulations in turn twist the past into something that is untrue. To continue with revisionism, now that the Holocaust is effectively over, means that we have simply to continue to point out the way in which ideologists attempt to manipulate current events, and historical events, for political gain. That's where our commentary on the WTC holocaust comes in.

It's obvious to me that the Allied Governments, above all the Soviets, had a lot more to do with misrepresenting what happened in the camps in 1945 than anyone else. It's just as obvious today that American foreign policy, in partnership with its client state Israel, has had a lot more to do with Islamic hatred for America than what Israelis have done on their own.

And while Israel is part of the whole, the West's dependence on Arab oil is a lot more important to the USA than what's happening in Israel/Palestine.

Ralph Marquardt

[When I read Marquardt's final sentence, thought immediately connected it to his first:

> Something that I think all of us should be aware of is that, in my opinion, we will never talk about the Jewish Holocaust the same way again. (...) And while Israel is part of the whole, the West's dependence on Arab oil is a lot more important to the USA

than what's happening in Israel/Palestine.

I'm left a little haunted by this train of thought. Still, I have never worked on the "details" myself, but always for intellectual freedom to discuss the details. If now Holocaust revisionism, because of the march of history and public events, and its own success, is to return to the original vision of Henry Elmer Barnes et al, everything is still there to work with – and we will have allies that a month ago we could not have dreamed of having. Again, to quote Marquardt above:

> The core of revisionism revolves around the idea that our elites (political, media, industrial) lie to get people to accept political agendas. Revisionism is profoundly democratic, individualistic, and skeptical of all attempts to manipulate anyone or any people. We have to continue to expose such manipulation and lies … [Now] we can shift into a more freewheeling assault on the manner in which the elites construct fake excuses for failed political agendas.

My feeling is that the thrust of these observations are going to be somewhat disorienting to many readers. Maybe I'm wrong. But the observation that oil is more important to those who run American industry and the government than even the worst Israeli brutalities against the Palestinian, and more important than German gas chambers, is credible. We have got a new war on our hands, it could spin out of control, and perhaps it is time, indeed, to widen the work we have been doing. I think we need a lot of back and forth on this, and I think we will probably get it.

BRS.

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as people pay attention. Meanwhile, the gaping hole in the New York City skyline guarantees that an awareness verging on the paranoid is likely to characterize most aspects of American public life for at least a generation. The larger problem involves the question of prevention, as well as the issue of retribution.

DEFINING THE PROBLEM OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM

Prevention requires a clear and rational understanding of etiology. Plagues were once combated with prayers and bouquets, but continued to kill, because their true cause was not understood. We cannot allow ourselves to misapprehend the cause of the terror attacks of September 11, 2001.

Given that the attackers were -- as everyone suspected -- radical Islamic fundamentalists, we have to go to the root of that problem first. The analysis of this issue by the pundits has generally gone in three directions, what we might call the irrational, the phobic, and the Judocentric.

The irrational analysis holds that the 19 assassins were simply out of their minds, evil for the sake of evil, killing for the sake of killing. That is a satisfying analysis, largely because it is arrived at without having to think. A further problem with that kind of analysis is that it goes nowhere; it essentially concedes that nothing can be done to prevent such people from appearing, and so here prevention cuts immediately to the easy retribution of killing them and anyone who looks like them.

The phobic analysis, popularized in such exotic terms as "Hesperophobia" argues that the terrorists come from cultures which are so inferior to the west, and which are so ashamed of their inferiority, that they lash out in malignant hatred at their betters. (It is almost comical that one of the spear-carriers of this thesis is a lowborn Englishman.) But this analysis has almost as many defects as the first. If it is true that Islamic fundamentalists are bred by a sense of inferiority, we do nothing to disarm them with smug bragging of our own superiority.

On the other hand, there is one virtue to the phobic analysis: it is potentially more nuanced than the platitudes of the Judocentric explanation. According to this school of thought, the roots of Islamic terror lies merely in the existence of the State of Israel, and nothing besides, and since Israel exists, the rest of the world is now compelled to fight a world war against terrorism. Or not.

In fact there are merits to all three approaches but their emphases tend to distort the truths they present. Yes, it is probably true that the men who carry out these attacks seem to be lost souls, people who, like our own Timothy McVeigh, were never able to nestle themselves sufficiently in the cares and loves of ordinary people. As a result, they allowed their beliefs and mental obsessions to assume huge and monstrous shapes. But then we have to ask ourselves why they lived such disconnected lives in the first place.

It is also true that the Islamic fundamentalists have a broad hatred of the West, and that it is not strictly limited to Israel at all. But this hatred is not founded in the shame of inferiority, it is founded in the shame of the insulted and injured. We find that many have lived under corrupt regimes with vast disparities of wealth for decades, all of this with the connivance of the west, supremely indifferent to their miserable lives so long as the precious oil is kept flowing at reasonable prices.

There is, indeed, a fear aspect to this hatred. Most were brought up in the typical structure of authoritarian and traditional groupthink, the fabric of which has been broken by the inevitability of trade, as surely as the villages, ghettoes, and peasant communes of Europe were sundered a century ago. Already degraded by the circumstances of their lives, now demoralized by the appearance of breakdown on all levels of society and morality, they advocate a great retreat to authority just as surely as did the European fascists and the Stalinists of Russia. Islamic fundamentalists are the potential totalitarians of the 21st century.

While the hatred of the West is a symptom of their own social disintegration, and is far more generalized than many wish to credit, this does not

mean that Israel is irrelevant to the worldview of the Arab terrorist. This is partly due to Israel being a highly visible manifestation of the West, and indeed this is the kind of view espoused by such chauvinist Israelis as Sharon and Netanyahu and by their American mouthpieces, Safire Will and others. But there are ways in which the Israel connection does not hold. In the first place, it is debatable if Israel is fully a western nation. Although of course the Jewish people are integral to western culture, there seems little doubt, as Israelis as diverse as Amos Oz and Israel Shamir constantly remind us, that Israel carries out discriminatory practices against non-Jews that would be the cause of unstinting censure if carried out by any other self-professed bearer of Western civilization. Indeed, the unequal distribution of wealth in greater Israel between Jews and non-Jews is almost a parody of a despotic Arab regime.

Second, and in a manner related not only to the above but also to the Judocentric approach, it is a highly questionable tactic for Jews to argue that the mass murders in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania are due to Israel's troubles. It is one thing for Americans to give Israel money and weapons. Most of us don't pay that much attention to how our taxes are spent anyway. It is another thing entirely to say Americans have to have their citizens slaughtered in their thousands for the sake of a foreign power -- any foreign power. What immediately comes next is that Americans will want to know exactly what they are dying for. It is the bet of many Americans, and indeed many Israelis, that the policies of the current Israeli regime will not bear such scrutiny. What this means is that to the extent that Israel's problems are linked to the deaths of our citizens, to that extent America will become a much more interested player in Israel's policies. This has nothing to do with the canard that Israel's existence is somehow at stake.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In our analysis, the core issue in the Middle East that gives rise to Islamic fundamentalist terrorism is the disintegration typical of societies at a turning point in their evolution, coupled with severe disparities in wealth and opportunity. Israel is a part of this, but not the whole part, and recognizing that the West will not oversee the destruction of a Western outpost in the form of the Jewish state, no matter how defective that state may be, dictates in large part what our policies should be.

In the first place, there must obviously be some retribution. The terrorist cells that attack the West must be rooted out and destroyed. This is partly a matter of public expectation -- in which case the destruction must be impressive -- but it is also, at this point, partly a matter of survival. This involves no complicated weighting of right and wrong: anyone who wants to kill our citizens is simply wrong and has to be permanently put out of action. We can only hope that the massacre of our own innocents now makes us sensitive to the many innocents who have died as a result of our blind exercise of power in the past, and that we will exact retribution with prudent regard for innocent life.

In the second place, it is obvious that the United States and the rest of the West must become much more involved in the Arab world. Isolation is no longer an option. The need for oil will not dissipate, and the erosion of Islamic cultural barriers in the face of the international market economy will not stop. We must meet the Arab people face to face, so that they will neither kill us from afar nor want to. This means we have to look to our own painful Western experience and help the crumbling regimes in the Arab world evolve. A civilization that gave the world Cromwell, Robespierre, Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin, has no business pulling rank on a civilization that produced a Saddam Hussein or the Taliban. We must meet the Arabs as equals, elder equals perhaps, but as equals nonetheless. This may entail some diminution in our own wealth, and our own power, as more democratic and open Arab regimes make larger demands on our purse. Yet such a course will not only quench the fires of fanaticism, it will also be, in a very prosaic way, the right thing to do.

The United States and the West will not only be required to shake off its complacency and indifference with regard to the Arab world, but also with regard to Israel. Again, this is not a question of abandoning Israel. It is a question of Israel becoming as free and open as we want the rest of the world, including the Arab world, to be, and it means coaxing, and if necessary, leaning on the various players to compromise. Looking forward, a just settlement involving a two state solution based on the 1967 borders and with adequate compensation for any adjustments is the only possible outcome for anyone seriously interested in peace. In this respect, we must not only become much more actively involved in Israel's conduct, but also in the conduct of the Palestinian Authority. We must persuade them to give up their hateful anti-Jewish rhetoric, and in return we can provide them with dignity and infrastructure.

It is understood that none of these latter solutions will be colorful or even popular. They will lack the spectacular violence and finality that many Americans now crave -- for quite natural reasons. Well, the American people will get some of that. But the road to final success in fighting the terrorism of Islamic fundamentalism will be a long one, requiring vision, commitment, and above all an engagement with the Arab world, an engagement that has been forestalled far too long.

Our dead fellow citizens deserve our condolences and a full measure of justice. But these are static forms of tribute. For their deaths to be consecrated, we must address the root causes of their murders, and we must engage that world which they were cruelly forced to depart. Their voices are stilled, their arms no longer reach out: we remember them if we embrace the challenging world on their behalf.

damaged?"

"No. It is gone. It is not there. Gone. I have never seen anything like it. That is why I am late. I have been watching the television for two hours. Do you mean that you do not know?"

"I do not watch television during the day."

"That is good. You work. I called you to tell you why I am late. It is incredible. The World Trade Center is gone. I will be right over."

I went downstairs, turned on the television and saw the video of the airplane bank to it's left and smash inside one of the World Trade Center towers. I watched it several times. The tower was still standing. How could Ignacio be so wrong? Then I saw the camera shots where first one tower exploded and collapsed, then the other. It was astounding. The visual images were so arresting that for several moments the mind was thoughtless. When thought did come back it was not to empathize with those inside the Towers and the mad horror and pain that they must have been suffering, but to report that I was watching Arabs respond to half a century of America's heartless support of Israel and its policy of brutalizing and humiliating Arabs.

I understood that I was entirely ignorant of the facts of the matter. I had no idea who had planned or carried out the attack or why. Nevertheless, thought was telling me that finally the guys on the bottom had made a powerful statement condemning Americans. It was murderous and primitive, but it was powerful. At last. In the moment I was still oddly removed emotionally from the human catastrophe that was being played out on the little screen of our television set. There was only thought saying over and over that what I was watching was the result of America supporting the conquest of Palestine by European Jews. That an open debate on the Holocaust story would have undermined, if not prevented, US support for Israel over the last half-century. And that one Middle East catastrophe after another carried out by Americans, or by Israelis using American arms, might have been prevented.

I watched American and Mexican television off and on for the rest of the day and became aware that while it was taken for granted that Muslim radicals were most likely the perpetrators, and while Osama Bin Laden was mentioned again and again, that no one on American television asked why Bin Laden or any other Arab would want to commit such an atrocity against Americans. No one wanted to mention the Israeli connection. On Mexican television the question of Palestinians and Israel and America the question of "why" came up very quickly. References to Israel and their conflict with the Palestinians were made repeatedly.

That first evening at dusk I went out walking on the Boulevard as I usually do. I was supposed to be thinking on the campus project and the newsletter but inwardly I was flooded with the drama of the World Trade Center. I was still removed emotionally from the tragedy. I was in something of a trance – entranced by the world-turning political significance of what had happened. The usual TV commentators were right about one thing: America would never again be the same as it was before the WTC attack. A great historical event had happened that very day. And maybe it was only the beginning.

We have known for years that sooner or later some Arab with a grudge and a plan would walk into Times Square with a suitcase carrying a nuclear bomb or a jar of anthrax. He wouldn't be looking for the guilty, he'd already have decided to just kill everyone who happened to be on the island. He might be a young man whose family had been killed by American bombs, or whose village in Palestine was eradicated by our little Israeli friends. Or maybe he watched his little sister in Iraq starve to death, or die from lack of medicine because of the American-inspired blockade of his country. Among Arabs, there is a surplus of reasons to have a grudge against America as well as its belligerent little client state.

As I walked along I kept seeing, in my minds eye the Trade Towers explode in great clouds of fire and smoke and collapse in on themselves until on the television there was nothing left but a great field of rubble. It was as if the picture of it were frozen in my mind. It was dark now and after awhile I realized I was seeing coconuts drop from palmed trees. I could hear the nuts striking the ground. It was a moment before I realized how out of place the scene was. And it was then that I realized that I was seeing the Eight District in Saigon in 1968. I had watched from the Y-bridge in Cholon for several days as the Eighth District was leveled by American artillery and air strikes. The Viet Cong had returned after their setback at Tet, and it was either go house to house to clear them out or take down the city. Being Americans, the decision was foreordained. Every building, every house in the Eighth District was leveled. I had gone along with a company of the 9th Infantry that afternoon to see if anything was still moving in the rubble. We didn't find one body that still had life in it, and as we returned through the smoke, the intense heat, and the complete silence, we passed three tall coconut trees and the nuts were dropping one by one and the sound that they made when they fell into the rubble was the only sound left in the afternoon.

Walking along in the dark on the Boulevard I understood that thought, using its dumb-show of memory, was connecting the television images of the field of rubble that was only that morning the World Trade Towers, and the great field of flattened rubble I had watched come down more than thirty years before where thousands of families lived and worked and raised their children. Memory has its own way of thinking, juxtaposing one image against another, and if you are alert you might understand the drift of what it is trying to express. I suppose what my own memory was expressing that night on the Boulevard is that American culture has become generically predisposed toward turning the cities of other people into rubble and now

one terrible chicken had come home to roost.

On the day following the WTC attack I found Jennings interviewing Ted Koppel, who was in London. Koppel was saying that some Europeans were already talking about the fact that President Bush was going to have to change the way he was dealing with the Palestinian/Israeli issue, particularly with the "settler" question. It was a beginning. I was gratified. In the following seven days the issue has not advanced much further than that. In America it is in terminally bad taste to discuss the possibility that our support of Israeli brutality and greed toward the Palestinians might be playing a role in the anti-American feeling that is so prevalent in the Muslim world.

On the third day – I think it was the third day -- I was finally wrenched out of my mind by a live TV presentation. Billy Graham was preaching at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. and he spoke of vengeance belonging to God, not man, and he spoke of the "mystery of evil." I had heard nothing other than talk of violence, war, retribution, and "justice" from the President on down. And when I heard Graham say that vengeance belongs not to man, but to God, something opened up in my heart and from that moment on I began to feel the anguish of those who had lost family and friends in the attack. And then the anguish was with me, and has remained with me, and makes itself known again and again as I follow the images and stories on television.

THE CAMPUS PROJECT

In August and early September I worked out the opening salvo for the Project for the academic year. It was based on my having won a spot among the Top Ten extremists in America as developed be the Anti-Defamation League. Using this honor I could tie everything together.

The first week in September I submitted the first small advertisement to student newspapers in eight states as a test. There was one response: University of the Pacific at Stockton, CA. The Pacifican agreed to run the ad once a week beginning 13 September. I said okay and settled in to wait for other papers to respond.

On 11 September there appeared a new world order, if I can put it that way. My Campus Project based on the ADL's Top Ten extremist list was overwhelmed by the WTC attack. It would be of no interest to anyone at the moment. It was of no interest to me. I had worked it out in my mind over a period of six weeks and now it was finished.

About four days after the attack, I began working on a new ad. The first headline read: "The World Trade Center Attack And The Gas Chamber Story." It didn't work for me. The second draft read: "Osama Ben Ladin And The Gas-Chamber. Story." That didn't work either. I moved from one headline to the next. None worked. "The World Trade Center And The Holocaust Story." "Is The Gas Chamber Story A Factor In Muslim Anger At America?"

They didn't work for me, and they didn't work for the people I passed them by for comment. There was the issue of appearing to exploit the killing of thousands of people before their bodies had even been recovered. There was the problem that the connections I was trying to make could not be made without a great deal of explanatory text, which would increase the size of the ad to where I would not be able to pay for running it.

One night about a week after the WTC attack I had gone to bed and was just getting settled in when a very simple idea came to me. I had been aware from the beginning that no one was asking why a bunch of Muslim kids would want to kill thousands of Americans, and themselves. That was it. Why? It was the key question. It

was one word. It is enigmatic, yet everyone who sees it at this particular time will know, if not at first sight then after a moment of reflection, what my "why?" refers to. The next morning I put together the simple little ad you see here and on the 18th I mailed it to college newspapers in 11 states.

WHY?

The Revisionist

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As you see, there is no information about the H. story in the ad. The idea is to take the reader to where the information is – CODOHWeb. That's what the Campus Project does – it takes students and others to where the information is and convinces them that they have the right to use the information on campus, in the media, and in their worldview.

This simple ad is the first (well, second) for this academic year. If it increases hits on CODOHWeb, if it produces news stories, I will continue to use it. If it doesn't, I'll replace it. Your contribution is absolutely vital for me to be able to persevere in this effort and exploit the opportunities that will come up, always in some unexpected place and time.

CODOH ON THE INTERNET

Last month I noted here than during July CODOHWeb received 577,000-plus hits. It was a higher count than I had expected. August too was higher than I had expected during which CODOHWeb received 594,530 hits. That's a 17,000-hit increase over July – but who's counting? Of the total August hits, 144,000-plus came through ***The Revisionist***, still the Internet's only Holocaust revisionist E-zine.

Now, with students back on campus, traffic on CODOHWeb has picked up yet again. I expect the count to approach 750,000 hits during September. After the "hit" on the WTC, public attention was distracted to that catastrophe. At ***The Revisionist*** we didn't want to jump on the Bin Laden bandwagon before we were able to sort through some of the tidal wave of information being broadcast via TV, radio, and the Internet.

On the fourth day after the attack three of us each produced an article addressing the WTC catastrophe, George Brewer, Richard Widmann, and myself. Widmann posted all three on the same evening he received them. Brewers piece was so good that I have used it as the lead for this issue of SR.

We have important issues to consider with regard to CODOHWeb and the Campus Project, perhaps with revisionism itself. Nothing is quite the same as it was before 11 September. It is not a matter of turning around and going backwards, or of leaving the field. It's a matter of perspective. As a matter of fact, revisionism has always been primarily a matter of perspective.

I had planned to print the ten most accessed documents on CODOHWeb during August. Widmann had put together an index to ***The Revisionist*** including all the articles published as a print magazine, and all the succeeding articles published since TR went Online, and I had meant to print that. But I need to say something more on the "situation." This afternoon is the deadline for sending this issue of SR to the printers. I have about three hours to finish the text, proof it, proof the formatting, and get it in the Baja mail.

I have to say it. I have always insisted that Americans have no right, that it is a perversion of the human spirit, to hold Germans to a higher moral standard than we hold ourselves. It is critical now, for Americans, to not hold Islamic radicals to a higher moral standard than we hold ourselves. The awful truth is that American civilians did not suffer anything on 11 September 2001 that Islamic civilians have not been suffering from the results of American foreign policy, American arms, and American self-righteousness for five decades now. Lebanon and Palestine, for two examples, are not Israeli affairs, but *American*/Israeli affairs.

If Bin Laden bears some share of the responsibility for the attack on the World Trade Center, and I believe he probably does – along with many others – I'm all for getting the guy and handling him the way he deserves to be handled, according to our best constitutional ideals. I am afraid that our President and his men are preparing to commit "crimes against humanity" in order to capture and punish a man who is probably guilty of crimes against humanity. One role for "revisionism" in the new context we are living in is that we be prepared to address whatever crimes the State carries out to capture and punish criminals, and to expose the lies and fraud that are used to justify crimes against humanity when Americans or their little friends in the Middle East commit them.

Revisionism is going to change in some way. I think maybe Marquardt has his finger on something (see: Letters). Revisionism may be about to lose its narrow focus on certain issues connected with World War II, and will return to its original broad work with American and Western cultural and political values as a whole. If this does start to happen, there might be serious fallout among H. revisionists. Some have spent their entire adult lives focusing on the H. story – to the immense benefit of American and European culture generally. Most of these, and they are the men and women who I have associated with for twenty years, will not want to change course at this time in their lives. I don't think it is necessary for them to do so.

Others, however, will welcome the broadening of revisionist interests, the possibilities it will provide for addressing a wider spectrum of mainstream issues, having in our kit bag the special information and insights that we have gained from the unique revisionist adventure with the Jewish Holocaust story.

August was a terrible month around here with regard to contributions, as it usually is. It would only be natural for you to forget about the Campus Project after the WTC catastrophe. I hope you do not forget. There is a great deal of work to do and there is – no one else.

Bradley

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Whatever Happened to Israel?

George Brewer

In the immediate aftermath of the destruction of September 11, several voices were raised that attempted to link the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon to Greater Israel's ongoing problems with its subject Palestinian population. Indeed, the former Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, in a stunning display of cynicism, at first proclaimed the attacks "very good" for Israel. According to news reports, some Israelis seemed to be quite eager to express their solidarity with such loaded comments as "Now you understand what we have to deal with every day" or "Now you [Americans] are real Israelis."

Opinion mongers were not far behind; David Gelerntner, a columnist for the National Review, flatly stated that the Twin Towers were attacked largely because of America's "decency" in standing up for little Israel. Michael Ledeen, from the same source, proclaimed that America's first reaction to the attack should be to move the American Embassy from

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THE CAMPUS PROJECT

A NEW AD, NEW OP-EDS, A SMALL WAR – IT ALL ADDS UP

There's something different about the Campus Project this year. The most obvious difference is that I am not running big ads with hundreds of words of text, but a very small ad with only one word of text – WHY? – and the Online address of ***The Revisionist***. The next thing to say is that while I have not generated stories in the print press that I am aware of, yet, which is a disappointment, the hit count on CODOHWeb has gone over 900,000 (!) accesses in the last 30-day period

Something else is different about the Campus Project this academic year. The acceptance rate for the "WHY?" ad (see **SR84**) is much higher than it has been for large, text-rich ads that I have run before. I suppose the reason is that because the new ad contains no text, there is nothing there to be objected to in the first moment. Ad managers think nothing of running it, while editors feel like they are not in danger of being attacked by faculty and administration for running something so inoffensive.

A second aspect to the Campus Project this year is that the CODOH ads will run one time each week for four weeks. The strategy presupposes that while those who are in the business of suppressing my ads everywhere, can let this one go one week, but that they will not want to let it go for three or four weeks. Too dangerous.

As of this writing the "WHY?" ad is running at Boston College, (Catholic), Wright State U, Cal State U at Stanislaus, Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, DePaul U in Chicago (Catholic), Occidental College, Oklahoma U, Portland U, Queens College (Long Island NY), Scripps

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LETTERS

I look forward to your observations regarding Smith's Report *and the issues it addresses. I read everything you write. Oftentimes it influences how I handle the work. Unfortunately, I cannot reply to correspondence. Not enough hours in the day. I have space to print a very small number of your letters. If you do not want your name published in* **SR**, *please make that plain. Thanks.*

Smith's Report 84 addresses the latest of the great intellectual discussions which will be more appreciated in the future than, perhaps, it is now. I hope we can preserve it.

I read with great appreciation your personal report of September 11th. As it happens my wife and I were approaching New York by car (we were driving north from Florida where we now live) at the time of the attack. We saw the plume of smoke. I knew personally some victims, but my instant reactions (and still the same) were very much like your own.

I'm afraid that I can't quite go along with Ralph Marquardt's letters in 84. I think he was overtaken by the emotional impact of the day (September 11). It is far too early for revisionists to make the conclusions he has. The Israeli counter-offensive against the implications is just one reason.

As for George Brewer, I suggest he too should "cool it". At bottom, he doesn't seem to have any strategic suggestions for revisionists. An assault on "the elite" is too broad to have any importance. I learned long ago that one should stick to what one is good at – in our case undermining the "Holocaust" stories. I expect that Brewer is an academic (hiss, boo!)

Finally, both Marquardt and Brewer and perhaps yourself fall into the "oil" trap. This is the idea that the obvious dependence of our country on foreign oil (principally from the Middle East) somehow skews U.S. policy in this area. While it is true that our government, of whatever stripe, is concerned to secure Middle East oil supplies it is simply incorrect to assume that this is a dominating driving force in the present situation, although perhaps it should be.

I spent a good deal of my professional life involved in these matters and I do not think this establishes me as a final authority on all oil business, but I have a few facts to point out.

First and foremost, the international oil companies, and the U.S. companies in particular, have virtually *no stake* in the oil resources of the Middle East. They have long since lost their equity position in ownership of the reserves. Venezuela and Libya started it, but Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq (and the others) now own their own reserves and the internationals are mostly buyers of crude oil. These governments want them only as suppliers of capital for gas exploitation and other marginal investments. So the "oil conspiracy" idea is largely fiction.

As for the impact on the Holocaust controversy, I do not agree that there is any need for revisionists to back off. All the talk about the great victories of revisionism is just plain dumb. Holocaust revisionism is still censored, misrepresented and generally reviled in academia. The game is still on.

Albert Doyle

Here is a little something to keep you going. As far as I can see, you are the only voice out there with the other side of the story. In my opinion, the correct side. There is much misery in store for the U.S. if they do not cut loose from Israel. We are making one billion fanatical enemies. After over fifty years support and hundreds of billions of dollars to Israel what is our dividend? The World Trade Center.

Larry Richards, San Diego

In Smith's Report # 83 you quote some emails from me with some editing. The actual text in my email reads:

> ... in some future "New Order" of their own. While making good points on the present day hypocrisy concerning such stuff as the "Holocaust", [it's quite visible that they] are not exactly fond of "libertarian" ideas [SUCH AS MAY] affirm the supremacy of flesh-blood-and-mind individuals over countries, races and other [similarly childish] abstractions.

As quoted (and edited) in SR:

> ... in some future "New Order" of their own. While making good points on the present day hypocrisy concerning such stuff as the "Holocaust", [some of these people] are not exactly fond of libertarian ideas [AND] affirm the supremacy of flesh-blood-and-mind individuals over countries, races and other [similar] abstractions.

The important change is uppercased: "AND affirm" (the people we are talking about) completely changes the meaning of "SUCH AS MAY affirm" (meaning the libertarian ideas).

I would be grateful if you corrected this small business in the next Report. Thanks.

ASMarques

Done. Apologies. BRS

CAMPUS REPORT

College, Syracuse U, U Cincinnati, U Kansas, U Michigan-Flint, U Nebraska (Lincoln), U Toledo, U Washington, U Wisconsin–Eau Clair, U Indiana, Baylor U, Indiana U. and U Wisconsin – Whitewater.

Some papers will not run a one-column by two-inch ad so in a couple cases I added a little text so that it would meet minimum requirements. A couple papers accepted the ad, then suffered a changé of mind. The *Shorthorn* at U Texas-Arlington is one. The *Aztec* at San Diego State U ran it one time, then backed out. I haven't had time to find out what the story is in either case. There are half a dozen other campus where I have been notified that the ad is running, or will run, or that they are willing to run the ad but need prepayment but do not accept Visa so I have to send a check by mail

and in a couple cases cashier's checks. Which is something of a bother since I cannot buy a U.S. cashier's check in Mexico.

And then there is the issue that I have submitted the ad to less than ten percent of the campuses that are on my list. It's clear that I would not have enough money to pay for placing even this small ad in all the papers that appear ready to run it – which could run to several hundred. Moe than nine hundred thousand hits! How much of it is do to the placement of the ad?

And then, to refresh your memory, I decided sometime ago that I wanted to get away from running large provocative advertisements as the tactic had become predictable, the reaction had become predictable, and thus increasingly less effective. This was simply my opinion, based on my experience. It was time to begin mainstreaming revisionism in a way that would be, might be, acceptable to the press and the professorial class. one way or the other on the opinion. Like the rest of life – easier said than done. But when you mainstream an idea, it can be talked about openly. You can't "force" people to take an idea seriously – unless you want to initiate great violence. I don't.

So my decision was to not roll out with one editorial-advertisement during the academic year, but submit anywhere from ten to twenty opinion pieces for publication. Hundreds of campus editors will receive materials promoting revisionism and CODOHWeb ten to twenty times during the year instead of one time. And each Op-ED that is run will be run *free*! I will have only the mailing costs, which I can handle. The idea is to address a current, hot, mainline issue beginning from mainline perspective, then move the argument into revisionist territory.

I did report here that during the summer I submitted the first Op-Ed of the project. It was titled "The Palestinians are Doing it All Wrong." It was the first time I had submitted anything to a college paper during the summer, but I wanted to get going so I took a run at it. It bombed. It ran nowhere that I know of, except in *Viernes*, here in Baja. You don't always know when your stuff runs because student editors oftentimes do not inform you, but I have heard nothing so I suppose it ran nowhere.

Being used to failure in this business, I paid no attention to the failure of one article. In early September I submitted a second piece titled: "Why Do Islamic Radicals Want to Kill Americans." This time I was published in at least two student newspapers: *The Buchtelite* at U Akron (the editor of which changed the, which editors have the right to do), and the *News Record* at U Cincinnati. It was published in a third paper as well and (this is a little stupid) I've lost track of which one. Unfortunately, the *Buchtelite* has a policy of not printing a contact number for the author of their opinion pieces, while the editor at the *News Record* informed me, apologizing, that she had forgotten to do this. So these two publications of the Op-Ed had little or no role in the huge hit-count on CODOHWeb, which after all is the purpose of the exercise – take students and professors to where the information is. "Islamic Radicals" is reproduced below from the *Buchtelite*.

During the week of 8 October I mailed a second Op-Ed piece to editors in about 20 states. It's titled "Men of Principle" and discuses the principles of President Bush and Osama bin Laden, as best I can fathom them. It is reaching the desks of editors as I write this. This morning I heard from the *Daily Emerald* at U Oregon saying they want to run it but that it has to be cut to 550 words. I'll take a run at it.

Meanwhile, I have heard from Brian Swope, Editor in Chief of the *Temple News*, Temple U in Philadelphia, informing me that the *News* will not publish my Op-Ed "The Palestinians Are Doing It All Wrong" because it fuels intolerance and "the actions you endorse do little to promote what this world needs, more understanding and less hatred." The thesis of the my Op-Ed – this was back in August -- was that Palestinians should stop making human bombs of themselves and follow the lead of Gandhi and Marin Luther King – that is, to start marching and sitting down and stop killing Israelis in pizzerias. After what happened at the World Trade Center I think I'll stay with my perspective and allow the *Temple News* to stay with theirs.

-- BRS

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Why is there hate for America?
Theories on why US is a terrorist target

October 4, 2001

By Bradley R. Smith
Buchtelite Contributor

Why do Islamic radicals want to kill innocent Americans? I'm not certain that I know, but I have a novel idea. Let's listen to what they say.

For example, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef is the old blind cleric who helped organize the *first* terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Yousef was sentenced to life

imprisonment for his role in the bombing. In January 1998 the *New York Times* published excerpts from his statement to the court.

> *You keep [saying] collective punishment and killing innocent people to force governments to change their policies [is wrong and] you call this terrorism ....*
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> *You ... introduced this type of terrorism to the history of mankind when you dropped an atomic bomb which killed tens of thousands of women and children in Japan and when you killed over a hundred thousand people, most of them civilians, in Tokyo with fire bombings. You killed them by burning them to death. And you killed civilians in Vietnam with chemicals as with the so-called Orange agent.... You went to wars more than any other country in this century, and then you have the nerve to talk about killing innocent people.*
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> *And now you have invented new ways to kill innocent people. You have so-called economic embargo [against Iraq] which kills nobody other than children and elderly people ....*
>
> *Yes, I am a terrorist and I am proud of it. And I support terrorism so long as it [is] against the United States Government and against Israel, because you are more than terrorists.... You are butchers, liars and hypocrites.*

Rings a bell for me. But then I've been working with revisionist theory for the last twenty years. Revisionism prepares you to view American foreign policy, and terrorism, from a perspective that is not insular in its Americanism. For the last three or four decades revisionist theory has been absorbed with addressing issues about the intentional killing of German and Japanese civilians during World War II, the allegedly unique monstrosity of (particularly) the Germans, and the lying and hypocrisy that has been employed by our cultural elites, including the professorial class, to cover up the real history of that time and to marginalize what they cannot bury.

When Ramzi Ahmed Yousef accuses American of being "butchers," he refers to the intentional killing of hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians in mass fire bombings, which was American policy, and the nuclear destruction of the civilian populations of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. In the *New York Times* excerpt Yousef does not mention the intentional slaughter of hundreds of thousands of German civilians in mass terror bombings – but then this is the New York Times and The *Times* does not specialize in viewing Germans of that period as, well – human beings.

When Ramzi Ahmed Yousef argues that Americans are "hypocrites" he refers to the fact that at the very time when he was convicted of the intentional killing of seven or eight civilians at the World Trade Center, the US was enforcing an economic blockade on Iraq that had resulted in the deaths of tens, if not hundreds of thousands of Iraqi (Arab) children. That is, the American government was pursuing a policy of "collective punishment and killing innocent people to force governments to change their policies ...." Hypocrisy in spades.

"Lying?" Those in the US Government? No need to go into it.

Presently the Bush people, backed by the US Congress, are busy making plans to rid the world of "terrorists" once and for all. They are preparing to "hunt them down," "smoke" them out of their hiding places, and bring them to justice "dead or alive." If we ever lay our hands on Osama Bin Laden, for example, and he lives through it, I suppose he will be put on trial and after he is convicted (let's not kid ourselves here) he will be allowed to make his own statement to the court. What will he say about terrorism? Here are a few lines culled from a long interview he gave to ABC's John Miller.

> *Your situation with Muslims in Palestine is shameful, if there is any shame left in America. ... American history does not distinguish between civilians and military, and not even women and children. [Americans] are the ones who used the {nuclear] bomb against Nagasaki. ...*
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> *We do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians; they are all targets in this fatwa. ...The fatwa includes all that share or take part in [the] killing of Muslims, assaulting holy places, or those who help the Jews occupy Muslim land. ... The American government ... has no choice but to pull its sons from the Holy Land especially and the Muslim land in general. And to refrain from supporting in any way the Israeli government and Jews who occupy our land.*

In short, Osama will say about what Ramzi Ahmed Yousef said three years ago. He will say that the second – final -- attack on the World Trade Center was the result of American foreign policy, which, among other things, is a witch's brew of butchery, lies, and hypocrisy.

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It costs about $90 to print, stuff, and mail an Op-Ed article, a cover letter, background, and return envelope to 100 campus and off-campus newspapers. Three hundred newspapers? -- $270 And so on. Your help with these costs will be much appreciated. Without your help, how will they go out at all? --BRS

"Revisionist" Librarian Disciplined for Making Critical Remarks about Israel. Forces University to Apologize.

This is a wonderful story of a "campus project" that was initiated without the help or knowledge of CODOH. It provides good evidence that the First Amendment is still operative, and that each time one individual stands up publicly to say what he thinks, the First is strengthened.

October 4: Article appears in the UCLA *Daily Bruin* informing us that a university librarian has been "suspended without pay from September 17 to 21 for sending a mass-e-mail criticizing what he called the U.S. support of apartheid policies in Israel." The librarian, one Jonnie Hargis, works at the Young Research Library at UCLA, and he had responded to a sincere, sentimental, patriotic mass e-mail sent to he and his co-workers after the 911 attacks on the World Trade Center.

In his response Hargis wrote that United States taxpayers "fund and arm a state called Israel, which is responsible for untold thousands upon thousands of deaths of Muslim Palestinian children and civilians." He ended his message by stating, "... so, who are the 'terrorists' anyway?"

Library administrators find out about the e-mail and on 14 September and reprimands Hargis in a letter: "Your recent e-mail, which was distributed to the entire unit, demonstrated a lack of sensitivity that went beyond incivility and became harassment." Hargis is given pay for the rest of that day and asked to leave the library.

Michelle Torre, who works in Hargis' department, sent the original patriotic e-mail. She said she was not the subject of any disciplinary action or reprimand, but would not comment further.

October 5: the *Daily Bruin* publishes an editorial headed "Freedom of Speech Under Attack at YRL." It notes that the new policy, under which Hargis is being disciplined, and which prohibits unsolicited e-mails containing political, religious or patriotic messages to library department lists, "was made public only after [sic] Hargis' response to Torre's patriotic e-mail."

This raises many concerns about free speech – or the lack of it – at this university. Regardless of whether someone is a research professor or library staff member, no one should be subject to suspension or dismissal for voicing their beliefs at work if they're not subtracting from the working environment. In a time of blind patriotism, critics of this country have an even more precarious, though important, role in providing additional and contradictory viewpoints to the public forum. Hargis was only acting in the best interests of a pluralist society. Since the new library policy represents a direct attack on Hargis' and other workers' right to free speech, it needs to be retracted immediately.

Hargis' suspension should be overturned and he should be given full pay for the lost time at work. Additionally, Kram and the library administrators involved in this decision must issue an apology to Hargis, admitting that they singled him out for disciplinary action unfairly.

October 10: *The Chronicle Daily News* (Chronicle of Higher Education) runs a story headed: "Union Files Grievance on Behalf of UCLA Librarian Suspended for Message About Terrorism"

Mr. Hargis's message, which went to the recipients of the original message, accused the United States and Israel of waging their own terrorist campaigns against civilian Iraqis and Palestinians. (...) He also accused the United States of killing "hundreds of thousands of noncombatant Muslim civilians" in bombings of Iraq. His letter closed by asking, "So, who are the 'terrorists' anyway?" Mr. Hargis said Tuesday that he had responded to the original message because he found it "jingoistic, chauvinistic, and over the top."

(...) The Coalition of University Employees, in the grievance it filed, argues that administrators denied Mr. Hargis his free-speech rights and unfairly singled him out for punishment, said Liz Go, an organizer with the union.

In the grievance, the union asks the university to apologize to Mr. Hargis, compensate him for the pay he lost during his suspension, and require managers and employees at the university to undergo diversity training.

Because of his suspension, Mr. Hargis has become a mini-celebrity, appearing on three radio talk shows in California.

October 12: The Associated Press picks up the Hargis story as part of a widespread patriotically inspired movement emerging on university campuses. "College Faculty, Staff Find Chilling New Climate for Free Speech on Campus"

(...) Hargis gave The Associated Press copies of both e-mail messages.

Hargis has worked at the library 22 years. He said the policy was news to him, and that he was the only one punished. Library officials declined to talk about the case, but furnished a copy of the policy.

October 15: The *Daily Californian* at UC Berkeley joined the fray. "UCLA Librarian Appeals Suspension For Mass E-mail Letter Sent to Co-Workers Criticized U.S. Foreign Policy."

(...) *"The e-mail I got was flag waving nonsense. It was offensive to me and I responded to it," he said.*

Hargis said the policy is particularly upsetting because it seems to contradict the current standing campus e-mail policy, which states that "the University, in general, cannot and does not wish to be the arbiter of Electronic Mail ... or protect users from receiving Electronic Mail they may find offensive. (...) I was simply making a statement about our foreign policy. This is like the thought police—this is something out of Orwell. They are trying to find me guilty of something that existed after I did it."

(...) *"They make me seem like a raving lunatic," he said. "But it all comes down to people with ties to Israel who don't want their sacred cow criticized. People can debate that with me, and that is an issue that should be debated. But I should be allowed to say what I think."*

Claudia Horning, president of the UCLA Coalition of University Employees union, said this disciplinary case is quite unusual because of the historic role that libraries have played in defending First Amendment liberties.

"This is infuriating to me," [Hargis] said. "Who is the university to take one-fourth of my pay for one month for exercising my right to free speech? I don't make that much to begin with—I'm a library assistant for God's sake.

Liza Go, Hargis's union representative, said the grievance filed by the union asks that the university rescind its discipline of Hargis and return benefits and back wages. The union also seeks an apology from library management and sensitivity training in the workplace. "Everybody has the right to send and receive speech," Go said. "There is no law that says you can only transmit nonpolitical, non-controversial, perky e-mails."

(...) In the meantime, Hargis has gained fame through his appearances on several radio talk shows and two articles in the student newspaper, the Daily Bruin.

"They just didn't count on me fighting like this," he said. "They know that what they have done is in violation of the First Amendment, and I will fight this to the bitter end."

October 18. I learn through the grapevine that UCLA has thrown in the towel. It is going to reinstate Hargis at his workplace and make a public apology. Hargis is considering suing the university and is looking for a lawyer. The union will not make a public statement until some of the legal ramifications are worked out. If Hargis does sue his complaint will include, among other things, knowingly false accusations made by the university, the stress and fear of having received a number of death threats because of the way the story was twisted by the administration, workplace discrimination, and from what I can make out, the fact that Hargis was suspended "against the advice of legal counsel." That is, it was pure politics, used to punish an employee of twenty-two years for making statements critical of American foreign policy with regard to Israel.

I think it is clear that if Hargis does bring a case against the University of California at Los Angeles that it will speak to the protection of all workers, to the fact that even great academic institutions must be held accountable for offending the First Amendment, and to the public good in being informed about how the professorial class and those who administer it need to be held to the standards that they themselves preach about with such solemnity. A couple cheers for the *Daily Bruin's* straight-ahead reporting. And a full three cheers for Jonnie Hargis.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ISRAEL?

Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, although the usefulness of that gesture would be hard to interpret. (Pundit watchers know that Ledeen's demand that the US move its embassy is a rhetorical ritual reminiscent of Cato's calls for Carthage's destruction.)

In any case, these voices, public and private, seemed to assume that by proclaiming a connection, Israel would be given a green light to wreak violence on the Palestinians without further protest from Washington weaklings. To a certain extent, this was even true, as in the first few days after the attacks Sharon's trophy hunters killed some two dozen Palestinians.

We must confess that it was our fear of such opportunistic destruction that led us, in our first evaluation of the matter on September 15, to expose the false bottom to the argument. That is, we took pains to show that the linkage of the terrorist attacks on America with Israel's policies was not only false, but even dangerous to Jewish interests. Our reasoning was twofold. First, that Arabs hate the US for many reasons, more of them having to do with oil and their own societies than with Israel. Second, we argued that pro-Israel commentators, by insinuating Israel into the discussion, were actually inviting the American people to take a long hard look at how the "Middle East's only democracy" actually treats its subjects.

THE SWITCH

Imagine our surprise, when, over the past few weeks, Israel's connection to the 911 Terror Attacks has disappeared off the radar screens of polite punditry. Now, it is routinely argued that Israel's persecution of the Palestinian people has absolutely nothing to do with the Islamic terrorism that destroyed the Twin Towers. The new posture has gone to such absurd lengths that the mayor of New York, Rudolf Giuliani, rejected a $10 million dollar donation from a Saudi prince simply because the check came accompanied by a rather gentle reminder that the inequities of the Palestinian situation aggravated an already volatile climate of despair. Hence, almost 20% of the fund set aside for the victims and families of the World

Trade Center collapse was thrown away by the Mayor in order to be politically correct.

This reversal of attitudes concerning Israel's linkage to the attacks has not been the only switch in the landscape. Far from allowing Greater Israel a free hand with its Arabs, the Bush White House, after a few days of distraction, has made it very clear that it will no longer tolerate Israeli foot dragging in terms of achieving a political solution in Palestine. These promptings have been accompanied by a great deal of talk about the forthcoming Palestinian state. Evidently, the Bush White House has also made it clear to Israel that it will no longer be able to engage in such flagrant practices as using American attack helicopters and fighter jets against the Palestinians as before. There have been some bizarre actions on Israel's part in response to these pressures, including a memorable and typically self-centered press conference by Sharon.

TWO NEW EXCUSES

As a last redoubt against the winds of change, the defenders of Israel have fallen back on two new arguments. One is that any talk of the Palestinian situation at this time, either as regards a Palestinian state or an alleviation of the miserable conditions under which Israel forces them to live, is ill timed. The first argument variously claims either that such gestures "encourage" terrorism, or that they "distract" the anti-Osama coalition from the military operations at hand. The second rather hoary argument, given full expression by Bob Bartley of the Wall Street Journal, is that the roots of Islamic terrorism as well as Palestinian unrest are the same: envy at Israel's "success."

Taking the second argument first, it is certainly somewhat questionable to discuss Israel as a "success." Most "successful" states, say, Germany or Japan, don't require $2 billion in economic and humanitarian aid, something which Israel requires every year (in addition to another $2 billion in weapons.) Further, no state can be counted a "success" when nearly 40% of its population lives in under severe conditions of economic deprivation, as has the Palestinian population for over 30 years under Israel's effectual control. True, Israelis may feel that they are unjustly held accountable for the miserable lives of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. In that case, however, there is a simple solution. They can leave.

But there is a more malicious dimension to Bartley's self-satisfied argument. It is hard to see how the Palestinians can achieve any kind of economic success when their water is rationed by the Israelis, and when their houses, orchards, crops, and fields are routinely bulldozed. In fact, such practices would seem to condemn the Palestinians to perpetual poverty and Bartleyan "envy." Maybe the people over at the Wall Street Journal don't understand that capital cannot accumulate when it is continually being destroyed.

The first argument, in all of its variants, contends that addressing the human rights of the Palestinians is "dangerous." Since, however, the "war against terrorism" will supposedly last for many years, we are now supposed to accept the idea that any resolution of the Palestinian situation will have to wait until a victorious conclusion is achieved. In effect, this argument is nothing more than a plea to go on doing nothing.

CONCLUSION

To its credit, the Bush White House has made it clear that it is not going to be dissuaded from the path of fairness by the manufactured casuistry of those who sound like they were raised on Ariel Sharon's ostrich farm. This administration recognizes that there is no more room for temporizing, and, if in fact the plight of the Palestinians is frequently, and wrongly, invoked by Bin Laden and his ilk for demagogic purposes, that does not mean that the Palestinian cause is irrelevant for achieving peace and stability in the Middle East.

For as long as the Palestinian problem is allowed to fester, the more Israel undercuts its own security, and its own Jewishness in the long run; and the televised discrimination and killing goes on, the more disaffected and ill-placed young men, throughout the Arab world, will continue to flock to the banner of terrorism. Hence a just and equitable settlement in the Middle East is necessary, not only to thwart terrorism, but because it is right, and because we lose our humanity and our sense of justice if we keep our heads buried in the sand, pretending that the problem is not there.

CODOH ON THE INTERNET

We had more traffic on CODOHWeb during September than any month since we began the site – some 643,150 hits. That's 58,600 more hits than during August. But as I mentioned here last month, from here on out I am going to count from the 16th to through the 15th of each month so that the figures that I publish here will be more up to date. The hits on CODOHWeb for the 30 days starting 16 September and ending 15 October were – 910,550 (!).

There must be more than one reason for these numbers. To begin with the obvious, there is President Bush's war against (some) terrorism. But those who are interested in Muslim fanatics are not going to turn immediately to a Website that focuses on H. revisionism. Still, there is the connection with the Israeli-Palestinian war, and once the attention of the innocent is drawn to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict the H. story is bound to come up sooner or later. Somewhat tenuous.

There are the little ads I'm running, not to try to make a revisionist argument in the ad itself, but to take people to CODOH-Web – where the information is. The ad is doing its work. Nine hundred thousand hits? The Op-Eds are not producing yet – except among newspaper staffs themselves. And of course there is word-of-mouth, and there is the war. How do we judge the mix? We're just going to continue doing what we're doing. One thing is certain; we are being monitored very closely.

Example: this by our friends at the ADL, which, while they posted it after the 911 attack, quoted from my "Palestinians Are Doing It All Wrong" article written during the previous month urging Palestinians to march and sit down rather than making human bombs of themselves.

ADL: WORLD WIDE WEB

Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH).

Added 9/19/01. CODOH, a Holocaust denial organization headed by Bradley Smith, has published four articles about the September 11 attacks on its Web site. "I understand how the Holocaust story is implicated in the hatred so many in the Muslim world feel towards America," Smith writes. "The story was used to morally legitimate the creation of the Israeli State on Palestinian land, and America approved." According to Smith, "Americans and Israelis share the same self-righteousness, greed, and contempt for others that have brought this tragedy upon us, which is surely not the last one." Smith believes that it is likely that there will be "a rise of anti-Jewish anger among a minority of Americans who are half-awake with regard to the grievous behavior of the Israelis." Smith said the Palestinians have become "copycat figures of the Israelis they hate," because they have been acting out of rage.

[*Six days later the ADL felt it necessary to report to its readers comments made by John Wier in* **The Revisionist Online**. *The ADL knows that people are reading* **TR** *– or it would not bother with us. They have a $50-million yearly budget yet feel obligated to monitor a Website that has no budget. We* are *being read – and that's the danger. We are being read.*]

ADL: WORLD WIDE WEB

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Added 9/25/01. John Weir, writing on the CODOH Web site, blames U.S. support of Israel for the attacks. According to Weir, an "arrogant U.S. policy" that has ignored the Palestinian refugee problem and encouraged "Zionist tyranny in Lebanon and the occupied territories" is likely at the root of the problem. Weir believes that there is no good reason to continue supporting Israel because "the U.S. gets nothing from this relationship-except the tab." He fears that Americans are often disinterested in foreign policy. "For everyone other than perhaps a small group of Zionists—foreign policy doesn't measure high in polls," he explains. "Zionist Jews, however, are well organized and politically active. They contribute to candidates. They are involved in the political parties. When it comes to foreign policy, they have no domestic competition in setting the agenda.

Well said, John.

Meanwhile, I have come across software programs that might allow us to promote CODOHWeb on the Internet – I'm not kidding here – *a hundred times* more effectively than we are promoting it now. I have always focused on taking revisionism to college campuses through the print press. I may be about to shift emphasis here to take advantage of the remarkable programs that are being developed for the Internet. And I think for the first time, particularly with the Op-Ed project, that I can start taking the work to mid-level city and community newspapers as well. I have to think ahead here and not just jump (I have a tendency to jump) into something before I am (relatively) certain that we can handle it.

Due to the anthrax scare, which I think is blown way out of proportion (even though I used the anthrax "image" – ignorantly -- in on of my Op-Eds) there are new U.S. Post Office regulations that state that mail sent without a return address is going to receive "special handling." Those who do not like to put a return address on letters are hereby warned.

Please do what you can to help with the project. Media pundits and politicos around the world believe we are at a pivotal moment in history. We probably are. This may also be a pivotal moment in the history of the struggle for a free press and an open debate on the H. story. Finally!

Please don't count on the other guy to help. That's the guy who keeps forgetting. You're the one – there's no one else.

Bradley

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NOTEBOOK

Bradley R. Smith

We have received more letters from readers the past few weeks than any other time that I can remember. A large number of them are critical, and focus on two matters – encapsulated in two sentences. The first is the statement made by Ralph Marquardt in **SR84** that at first startled me, and that after some soul searching I found I agreed with. He wrote: "Something that I think all of us should be aware of is the fact that, in my opinion, we will never be talking about the Jewish Holocaust the same way again."

In **SR85** I printed one response, by Albert Doyle, that was representative of the many critical reactions we were getting. The concern over this issue continues, the concern that CODOH may be backing away from *Holocaust* revisionism, which I want to assure you is not the case. But the approach is, in fact, hanging. Times change, tactics change, work changes. In any event, in this issue of **SR**, in Letters, Marquardt makes some additional observations on this issue.

The second statement that has drawn a large number of concerned, critical letters is something that I wrote myself. In my commentary that was published in the U of Akron *Buchtelite*, "Why is

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Revisionist advertisements asking WHY? and referencing the Internet address of CODOHWeb have been running in a couple dozen campus newspapers. Accesses to revisionist materials on CODOHWeb remain high. We have distributed three more Op-Ed pieces to two hundred campus editors, which makes a total of four pieces so far this academic year. ***The Revisionist***, still the Internet's only Holocaust Revisionist E-zine has published half a dozen new articles, and CODOH's Discussion Forums continue to be logged onto more than 5,000 times daily. Pretty good.

As noted here last month, accesses to CODOHWeb soared to 910,000 hits. We figured some of it must be connected to the stunning events that were taking place in response to the WTC attack and the campaign in Afghanistan. Part was the placement of our new advertisement in campus newspapers from Boston College in Massachusetts to Portland State University on the West Coast. And part was the response to our distribution of opinion pieces every fifteen days to 200 campus editors nationwide, each article referencing the Internet address of ***The Revisionist***.

For a month or so I was pleased with how the work was going, particularly on a budget that is much reduced from previous years. As the weeks passed, my enthusiasm waned. While CODOH ads were being accepted at such a high rate that I had to stop submitting them because I would not be able to pay to run them, they were not creating stories in the mainline press. The ads are supposed to do two things: take people to CODOHWeb because that's where the information is,

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LETTERS

*We received more letters to the editor regarding Ralph Marquardt's views in **SR84** than anything that has appeared here in a very long time. Most of the letters were critical. In **SR85** I published one response by Albert Doyle, which reflected the primary direction of the criticism we are receiving. But the letters kept coming, from every side of the political spectrum. Again, based on those letters, I put a number of questions to Marquardt and am going to print his response below. I have edited out the specific criticisms received, as well as my own observations, for reasons of space. I think it will be clear from the text what some SR readers are concerned about, and the drift of my reaction.*

I just don't think the Holocaust per se is the issue it once was, because since the Irving trial the details are all out there and there's really no big disclosures being made. Not only that, I can't recall the last time "Holocaust Denial" was portrayed as the big problem that needs to be censored, etc. To be sure, I can think of some topics for revisionists to write about: for example, going over the various interrogations, and so on, but by and large I think that well is about pumped dry.

Put it another way, what's being discovered these days? Documents about people in the hospital at Auschwitz: well, we know that. Documents about the fact that the Auschwitz death register books were complete in 1945 in Sachsenhausen under Soviet custody but now we are missing the ones for 1944. That's important to revisionists, but it's not nearly as important as having the books themselves, which we don't have, and it's not the kind of thing to raise much of a stir in the general population. Look at Germar Rudolf's German language journal, which is usually months ahead of the English language stuff. With the last two issues he's writing about topical Mid East themes and/or the First World War!

Otherwise, virtually everything else was in the Irving Trial, one way or another. And there appears to be a broad consensus now that (a) the traditional story depends on eyewitnesses more than anything else, (b) that eyewitness testimony is unreliable, (c) that the Holocaust has been manipulated to smear Germany and to promote Israel.

True, there is not a broad consensus on the implications of these concessions. But that's not a matter of discovery, that's a matter of rhetorical argumentation. And it is difficult to make relevant rhetorical argument about these things when the Holocaust is not being invoked and shoved under our noses the way it was even a few months ago. I don't know about you all, but I am pleasantly surprised at how few references I have heard to the Holocaust in the past several months, and that's just the *word*: I can't even remember the last time I saw prominent media coverage about the hellish gas chambers of Camp XYZ.

So -- I am sure there are people doing research and writing it up but it seems to me that Holocaust revisionism is more a matter of persuasion at this point than fact-finding. And the persuasion aspect has a direct relationship to how much the H is being played up. The suicide bombing in that Tel Aviv disco would have been the perfect occasion for the other side to promote a Holocaust Propaganda Offensive. But none materialized.

What that means to me is that, if we want to get people interested in revisionism, we have to broaden our appeal. The 911 attack, and serious problems in the Middle East, are both well suited to this. It is topical, people really care about this, some of us are already very well versed in the subject. If we write on topical matters – it doesn't have to be terribly judgmental -- we can attract people to ***The Revisionist*** and then they can look at the other stuff on CODOHWeb as they like. And they will want to do so. We are a presence out there. True, there are those who will feel that we are "declaring victory" without tangible results. But what do we expect? A Nobel Prize?

Anyway, I think Middle Eastern commentary, for the short term, is the way to go. First, because it leads back to our traditional themes. Second, because it leads back to traditional revisionism. Third, because there are real issues of liberty and fairness involved. It would be different I suppose if there were other worldwide issues or domestic issues that needed to be addressed

I don't think you and I see things so differently, or that I see things very differently from those who have replied to what you printed. When I hear Bush say that "they" hate us because we are so wonderful I don't know whether to laugh or puke. Where you and I differ, and where I differ from some of those who have written **SR**, is that I am much more careful to be moderate in how I express myself. I think that you persuade people in stages, not all at once.

I think we all agree that generally we live in a world of pain and ought to be helping each other, and in the best of times that violence would have no role in this. But I am also practical minded enough to know that if some guy kills some of mine, if I don't kill him quick he will kill more. So I rationalize violence to myself in that way.

When I was in the Far East I used to go on liberty in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore. Two things crossed my 18-year-old mind at that time: one, that my country is the luckiest and the richest country on the planet and owes the rest of the world a debt of gratitude. Two, that if the rest of the people of the world ever grasped the difference between them and us, in terms of wealth and space, they would descend on all of us and cut our throats and take it for themselves.

The dynamic of history is such that I guarantee that America will become more crowded and less wealthy and less equal among its citizens as time goes on. That's the way history is. We can approach that fate in two ways. We can fight it, and build

walls, and we will be destroyed, and all our institutions will be sacked. Or we can let the others in, just let it happen, and make sure that the hard core of Americanism, going back to the Founders, is preserved, lived up to, and passed on.

Revisionism and Dignity of the Defeated Countries

Guillaume Fabien

At Trieste, 6-7 October:

[This item reports on a remarkable event that probably could not have taken place anywhere in Western Europe other than where it did. While I am not interested in socialist politics of either the left or the right, I am interested in revisionism and intellectual freedom, both of which are represented here. I regret that I have space for only the briefest outline of the original article by Guillaume Fabien.]

A public meeting was held at "La Fiera" conference centre in Trieste at the weekend of 6-7 October on the theme "Revisionism and Dignity of the Defeated Countries", in which speakers of various nationalities took part. The event was organized by the local cultural association Nuovo Ordine Nazionale. The speakers included:

Jean-Louis Berger

The two-day gathering, scheduled on the initiative of Mr. Angelo Cauter, head of Nuovo Ordine Nazionale, began with a presentation by Mr. Jean-Louis Berger, former history teacher at a secondary school in France, convicted in court and expelled from the state education system for having told his pupils that the wartime camp of Norhausen in Germany had been a concentration camp, not an "extermination" camp, and that the corpses seen in a photograph presented in a French news weekly in such a way as to suggest that they were those of "victims of Nazism" were in fact the bodies of victims of an American air-raid. "And it's not just I who say so", he specified, "but other historians, people above all suspicion of 'anti-semitism', say so as well."

Vincent Reynouard

The young French historian Vincent Reynouard (32) was himself ousted from his job in a technical school and banished from the state school system for having made known, outside of his teaching work, some of his points of view in 20th century historiography. In his talk he underlined French and British responsibility for the famine inflicted upon Germany after the 1918 armistice, in the developments leading to German rearmament in the 1930s and in the outbreak of the Second World War.

Russ Granata

The American Russ Granata considered it impossible that the Israeli and US secret services could have been unaware of the attacks which were to be carried out on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon on 11 September.

Ahmed Rami

The Moroccan Islamist officer then addressed his European audience in these terms: "If the Jews want to create - in a land that they've stolen - a Jewish nationalist state, exclusively for Jews, then the Italians and the Germans and the French must also have the legitimate right to establish, in their countries, an exclusively Christian nationalist state. In this regard, and to respond to Jewish impudence, if I were Italian I would be - like you - a Christian, nationalist and Fascist, and if you were Moroccan you would certainly be - like me - Islamists!"

"Quite simply, if the Zionists have established a Jewish state (in occupied Palestine), what right have they to deny us a Christian state in Europe or an Islamic state in the Muslim world?"

Robert Countess

American professor Robert Countess's paper, which he had written for the big revisionist conference scheduled in Beirut in March but prohibited by the Lebanese government under Zionist and American pressure, was presented by this author. Countess stressed that the time had come for the leaders of the Arabo-Muslim countries to extend a broad welcome to revisionist work within their universities and to promote its development there, in order that national education programmes might subsequently be unburdened of the Allied propaganda of the last war which still passes for 'history.

Jürgen Graf

The Swiss scholar Jürgen Graf, without denying the wartime persecution of the Jews, rectified the number of victims: approximately 300,000, not 6 million. Replying to a lady in the audience who had asked why, over the years, all the various ministers of state of the Federal Republic of Germany, beginning with Konrad Adenauer, showed such assiduous respect for the lie that slandered their people, Graf said that the German state put in place by the Anglo-Americans was far from apt to defend the country's honour: if ever the revisionist message were to spread effectively throughout Germany, it would immediately trigger a revolution sweeping away that contemptible state and its crew made up very largely of traitors to their nation.

Fredrick Toben

Last to speak was the Australian Fredrick Töben, director of Adelaide Institute, who in Mannheim, Germany in 1999 was himself imprisoned awaiting trial for nearly a year

"If I am here today ... it's because I am persuaded that your group, with its revisionist vocation, constitutes a life-giving force in opposition to the many tremendously powerful bodies and state institutions that are leading our world to ruin. I salute your courage and your initiative, which in this public and - most significant - lawful gathering has realized an unquestionable success: you deserve all possible support. I am able to state quite legally in Italy, on the European continent, that the allegation, according to which the Germans systematically murdered European Jewry in homicidal gas chambers, in particular at Auschwitz concentration camp, is a lie! I could not, for example, do the same in Austria, France, Germany or Switzerland."

[If you want to read this interesting Report in its entirety, plus organizational background (about 4,600 words in total, or some 10 pages collected in a plastic cover) please send along a contribution of $10.]

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and create press in mainline media. The ads were apparently doing the first, but appeared to be failing to do the second.

I could get the WHY? ad run because it contained no offensive word. It didn't mention the "Holocaust," for example. Holocaust is not an offensive word when those who are exploiting it use it, but when it's used by those who doubt even part of the story, Holocaust becomes offensive. It was necessary, the week following the attack on the WTC, that I not use any language that would appear to exploit the tragedies of 5,000 living families. WHY? was a sensible and even sophisticated response. But now it has run its course and I will turn to language that the H. Industry will find it very difficult to live with: "Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust." Seven ordinary words. We'll see.

Next, I found that I was overly optimistic about my ability to have campus papers run my commentaries than I had convinced myself it would be. It wasn't hopeless. U of Cincinnati and the U of Akron had run one piece (see **SR85**), and then Portland State U *Vanguard* ran two of my commentaries (I've printed one of them below). Nevertheless, it's not much of a showing. Opinion pieces are like ads in some ways; one way is that editors read them whether they run them or not, and many of them go silently to CODOHWeb where they are introduced to revisionist scholarship. So it's not work that is entirely lost even though it might not be printed. Still, when I submit an opinion piece to a paper, I want to see it in print – often. It's not happening yet.

To this point, I submitted a fifth piece last week where I approach the material from a less objective-journalist point of view, but more personal, more "literary." I'll go at it this way for a couple months, long enough to see which way the wind blows. If this new approach doesn't work, I'll look for a third way, Perseverance is one of my few strong points. I'm reminded of the story I was told in grammar school about the English king who had been defeated in battle. He was hiding in the forest, sitting on a rock, when he noticed a spider slowly, methodically spinning its web. And the king was inspired by the spider's perseverance to fight on. I wonder why I can't recall the name of the king? I wonder if kids are still told that story?

I had been hopeful that our hits on CODOHWeb would remain over 900,000 and maybe climb even higher, but I was disappointed. During the thirty days between 16 October and 15 November documents on CODOH-Web were accessed only **788,000** times. But then I was cheered considerably by coming across a publication titled Holocaust Revisionism that was produced by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Research Directorate in 1996. DEOMIRD is associated with the Department of Defense and the publication is distributed to Armed Forces personnel. It is a survey of revisionism, revisionists, and revisionist activism and its dangers as of 1996.

The author is Captain (Chaplain) Carlos C. Huerta, who I understand is a rabbi. He devotes a couple pages to Smith, the history of Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, and the Campus Project. After giving a history of CODOH up to that time, he notes that Smith "has turned to disseminating revisionist material through the Internet. He has been successful in this endeavor. His Website had over 10,000 visits during a six month period." More than 10,000 visits in only six months! What a showing, eh? Nowadays we get 20,000 to 30,000 hits *every day!* Three and a half *million* every six months. Perseverance. It ain't everything, but it's better than having a stick poked in your eye.

When I turn to the references in the back of the DEOMIRD publication I note that Huerta got his information about our Website from the business that was "hosting" it at that time, a Fresno California company managed by a young Jewish fellow. The company was called ValleyNet. Shortly after the government publication appeared, ValleyNet closed down our Website without warning. Our Jewish friend who was managing ValleyNet would not even provide a forwarding address for those who were coming on board to read what we were publishing. All's fair in love, war, and whatever is necessary to maintain the Holocaust taboo. David Thomas got us another Internet server and we started all over again to build up a readership -- from scratch. So we fell off from 910,000 "visits" last month to only to 788,000. I can live with it. I'm not satisfied, but I can live with it.

Being not quite satisfied, I began thinking. My way of thinking is to keep my eyes and ears open, then follow my nose. I'm not certain if that's really thinking, but it's related to thinking, particularly if you do not reject what you see and hear

because of preconceived opinions. It became clear that I had two challenges – they were the same challenges that I have had from the beginning, but now they have to be addressed in new ways, again. I want to increase traffic on CODOHWeb, that being where the information is (have I said that before?), and I need to increase funding because my long suffering volunteer crew needs some paid assistants. Three or four (very) part-time volunteers, all with real lives and real jobs of their own to take care of, find it difficult to manage all the work necessary for a Website that is positioning itself to receive a million hits and more every month.

CODOHWeb itself still produces almost no income – less than one hundred dollars a month. I have never put much thought into raising money on CODOHWeb. All the funding I have received for ten years now comes from this very modest newsletter, ***Smith's Report***. My primary insight into this issue the last few weeks is that I have been a somewhat stupid about the organizational challenges facing me. Some of this has to do with family issues that I have written about here, my moving from one place to another and back again. But the core issue is that in some curious way I have been unaware of the significance of the very real accomplishments we have made in outreaching (I may have invented this word) this work, and the changing organizational issues that that success has created.

I became increasingly focused on two issues. One is that I must have product to sell that I can promote to increase funding. Two, that it must be product that will automatically promote CODOHWeb, a product that as I promote it, promotes CODOHWeb. Simple. As a matter of fact, I have two promotable, saleable products. *Smith's Report* and my book, *HATE: A True Story*. With regard to HATE, I was surprised to discover recently that I announced HATE almost *a year ago!* I was perusing a copy of the manuscript that a man in Washington had purchased, notated, and returned to me. My letter of thanks fell out of the manuscript. It was dated February was dated February 2001! I was really quite surprised that it was so long ago. But by that time I had moved to Visalia with my daughter and HATE was set aside during our troubles.

There is a great deal to say about how I am going to direct the work over the coming months, but the most important is that I am going to print HATE (with a new title) and that by the end of January I will be promoting both the book and ***Smith's Report*** to new audiences. And that, in turn, will promote CODOHWeb – because that is where all those I approach with these two products will be encouraged to go to find out more about each. Each of the three will promote and sell the other.

When I announced the book early this year about forty of you bought the work-in-progress and half of those who bought it sent me interesting and valuable reactions and suggestions. I believe I wrote here some months ago that that based on your suggestions I added four new chapters to the book. I changed the order of the materials so that the book leads with a different chapter, while what was previously the opening chapter is now the second. Now I have a new, post-World-Trade-Center chapter to end the book and bring it "up to date." In addition, while I leave the original pre-9/11 introduction, I have added a new post-9/11 introduction.

I am confident I can print the book in January because I will not have to have a budget of 6,000 to 8,000 dollars to print, bind and promote it. I can do what I need to do for less than $2,000, a sum I feel I can raise. Book publishing has been revolutionized since I published *Confessions of a Holocaust Revisionist* in 1987 – good grief, I was still in Hollywood then. Electronic (digital) publishing has come into being, as if from out of nowhere. For small publishers, or self-publishers, it's a whole new world. Digital publishing means that you format (typeset) your book on the computer, just like I format this newsletter, and email it to your printer. You do not need to print runs of 3,000 to 5,000 copies of the book to get a per-book price that is marketable. You can print runs, cost efficiently, as small as 500 copies. This means that costs for your first printing can be as much as eighty percent lower than it might have been ten years ago. Fewer books, yes, but a hugely reduced original investment.

My primary weakness as a writer is that I do not finish books, a prerequisite for a professional. I keep writing and writing but I don't finish anything. Two small books in thirteen years. Embarrassingly unprofessional. But the new book model (Dan Poynter of ParaPublishing uses the term) provides an astounding advantage to a writer like me. I can just keep working away on this book. *I never have to "finish" it!* In January I print a small run and set out to promote it. Using some of the traditional methods of promotion, but focusing on exploiting all the advantages of the Internet and email. The work will be to get it reviewed, get it criticized, get it noticed. I do not have to depend on bookstores, or book chains, or direct marketing using the US Postal Service. I can do (almost) all my promotion using the Internet and CODOHWeb.

I will have a page on CODOHWeb devoted to the book alone. I will solicit reviewers and journalists to visit the page. The page will have a press kit with my biography, my history working with revisionism, testimonials, news releases and so on. I'll send email pitch letters to reviewers, print editors, and Internet E-zines offering them free reading copies. I'll publish a different chapter from the book each month as a tease to browsers.

There will be a secure program to buy the print version of the book using credit cards. Maybe most important of all, I can do radio, and this time on top of promoting "free" revisionist information to radio audiences, I will have a product to sell. I know how to do radio, I did a lot of it, and I look forward with some enthusiasm to doing it again – because it will create a small stream of revenue, and because of my interest in the product itself.

But here is the real kicker. The first small printing of the book will soon be gone. I will have given many

of them to reviewers, to campus newspapers as well as the mainline press, and I will have sold some. I will have used some copies to raise funding for the second printing. And all the while I will be working on the manuscript, adding a couple, maybe three new chapters (I have maybe twenty chapters in the bank that need relatively little work). I will correct whatever glaring flaws of logic or presentation that will have been pointed out to me, and in six months I will be ready to do a new, updated edition of the book -- and begin the promotion and selling cycle all over again. And with every printing the book will be better, bigger, more valuable. It will never go dead. About the time media believes it has heard the last of it – there I'll be again, new, fresh, bigger and better than ever. What a plan!

Usually I do not go into such details about a future project because of the always-present possibility that I will be unable to carry it out to completion. But here I am, committing myself publicly to this one, because I have no doubt whatever that I can do it. I have no way of knowing how successful it will be, but I have a very good feeling about it. The project fits me perfectly. And there is a great deal more to it. I am not being prudent by not going into it all, it's just that this newsletter would not accommodate all the information that I have to pass along. Having a real product to sell! The American dream come true!

[*If you would like a copy of the informative government survey (noted above) of Holocaust Revisionism published in 1996 I'll photocopy it for you, gather it in a spiral binding with plastic covers and send it along. The format is 8 ½ x 11, one side of the sheet. Self cover. 20 pp. Send what you want. $10 would be nice. More would not be taken as a deliberate insult.*]

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Let us now contrast two men of principle

In My Opinion
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Terrorism, war and violence. What's the difference? Depends on who does it, and who it's done to. Media-speak. A terrorist act is always violent, but violence is not always terrorism. War is always violent but is never terrorism. Grammar becomes a moral issue.

On 7 October I caught President George W. Bush on television.

President Bush said: "Good afternoon. On my orders, the United States military has begun strikes against al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. These carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations, and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime.

He said: "Today we focus on Afghanistan, but the battle is broader. Every nation has a choice to make. In this conflict, there is no neutral ground. If any government sponsors the outlaws and killers of innocents, they have become outlaws and murderers, themselves. And they will take that lonely path at their own peril.'

Later in the day I saw Osama Bin Laden on television. We should thank the gods for this wonderful little machine.

Osama bin Laden said: "As for the United States, I tell it and its people these few words: I swear by Almighty God who raised the heavens without pillars that neither the United States nor he who lives in the United States will enjoy security before we can see [security] as a reality in Palestine and before all the infidel armies leave the land of Muhammad, may peace be upon him."

President Bush said: "The United States of America is a friend to the Afghan people, and we are the friends of almost a billion worldwide who practice the Islamic faith. The United States of America is an enemy of those who aid terrorists and of the barbaric criminals who profane a great religion by committing murder in its name."

He said: "We did not ask for this mission, but we will fulfill it. The name of today's military operation is Enduring Freedom. We defend not only our precious freedoms, but also the freedom of people everywhere to live and raise their children free from fear."

Osama bin Laden said: "One million Iraqi children have thus far died in Iraq [because of U.S. sponsored sanctions against Iraq] although [Iraqi children] did not do anything wrong. Despite this, we heard no denunciation by anyone in the world .... Israeli tanks and tracked vehicles wreak havoc in Palestine, Jenin, Ramallah, Rafah, Beit Jala and other Islamic areas and we hear no voices raised...."

President Bush said: "A Commander-in-Chief sends America's sons and daughters into a battle in a foreign land only after the greatest care and a lot of prayer. We ask a lot of those who wear our uniform. We ask them to leave their loved ones, to travel great distances, to risk injury, even to be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice of their lives."

He said: "I recently received a touching letter that says a lot about the state of America in these difficult times—a letter from a 4th-grade girl, with a father in the military: "As much as I don't want my Dad to fight," she wrote, "I'm willing to give him to you."

Osama bin Laden said: "I say that the matter is clear and explicit. [The Americans] came out to fight Islam in the name of terrorism. Hundreds of thousands of people, young and old, were killed in the farthest point on earth in Japan [in the nuclear destruction of the civilian populations of Nagasaki and Hiroshima]. For [America] this is not a crime, but rather a debatable issue. They bombed Iraq and considered that a debatable issue."

And now there are the television images of the magnificent airplane banking coolly and professionally into one of the World Trade Center towers, and the great towers imploding in on themselves in scenes of staggering catastrophe. The tragedy has become a theatrical production on a world stage. Arab children, humiliated and brutalized in the back streets of the West Bank and Gaza and Baghdad are already dreaming of giving their fathers and brothers to Osama bin Laden.

George W. Bush and Osama bin Laden. Two men of principle talking past each other. One praises terrorism and maybe organized the intentional mass killing of civilians in New York City. The second ignores the intentional mass killing of civilians in Iraq, Beruit, Palestine and Japan – now pursues a war "against" terrorism. Each talks of God, morality, and justice. We have to ask ourselves: what is significant in being a man of principle? Of what use is principle to human culture? Surely it has a place. Somewhere.

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NOTEBOOK CONTINUED

why US is a terrorist target" (my original title was "Why Do Islamic Radicals Want to Kill Americans?"), I quote one of Osama bin Laden's associates who was involved with the original attack on the World Trade Center six years ago.

In the *New York Times* he was quoted raising the issues of the U.S. nuclear destruction of the civilian populations of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the fire-bombing of Tokyo which was largely a wooden city, the poisoning of much of the rural areas of Vietnam with chemicals (agent orange, etc), that the U.S. went to war in the 20th century more than any other country on earth, the economic embargo and endless bombing campaign against Iraq that kills mainly the old and the children, and so on. And I reprinted a few words of his statement to the court: "I support terrorism so long as it [is] against the United States government and against Israel, because you are more than terrorists.... You are butchers, liars and hypocrites."

I wrote: "Rings a bell for me."

A good number of you were annoyed, or worse, by this wisecrack, which nevertheless does express my feelings. It all rings a bell for me. Because it does, I am charged with being unpatriotic, particularly at this time in our collective lives. There are those who feel that this is not the time to rehash old grievances, as it there hate for America? Theories on were, but to get behind the American Government in its "war on terror." It is a just war, and the most responsibly carried out war in our history, and those managing it are preoccupied with trying to not kill Afghan civilians. This last is certainly true. I think on the face of it, the former is true as well. Osama is in the way of civilized life on the planet and he and his friends have got to gotten out of the way.

But it is true – while I am grateful to be an American, I am not a patriot. What I mean be that is that I do not believe that Americans are better than others, or that I owe my best human qualities to Americans while I do not owe them to others. I am constantly reminded of the fact, I feel something resembling awe, that when the American government was formed there was such a magnificent coincidence of the necessary men, high ideals, historical opportunity, space, and good luck to create the two documents which we still, more or less, live by – the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

After more than two centuries we still live in the remnants of a free society and there is still no government on earth that rules with such a document. At the same time, the U.S. Congress and one Administration after another has, in fact, acted out the role of "liars, butchers and hypocrites."

Meanwhile, I am pleased that the campaign in Afghanistan has got off to a good start, as these things go. But Afghanistan is not the war. Afghanistan is simply the first campaign of what we are told is to be a "War" On Terrorism. No campaign is over until it's over. We have no idea what the "blow-back" is going to be. It may very well be more "campaigns." Those who are in the forefront of the suppression of revisionist theory, are in the forefront of pitching us another war against Iraq. I think most revisionists understand that the attack on the World Trade Center was blow-back from fifty years of stupid, lying, hypocritical and bloody U.S. foreign policies in the Middle East, not the least of which is U.S. support of the failed State of Israel – which failed when it began.

This is not a unique point of view. A minority of people all over the West holds it, and a majority of people throughout the Muslim world holds it. The U.S. Government is run by good, decent men who, as a class, act out the roles of liars, butchers and hypocrites. I am not devoted to such a class of men. I do not despise them. I would be pleased to have any among them as my friend. But I do not despise their enemies either, almost any of whom I would like to have for my friend. I suppose that is why I cannot count myself as an American patriot. If anything, I am a patriot of the American Bill of Rights.

A GERMAN NOTE

Guenter Grass, the German literary "giant," who holds a Nobel Prize for Literature, is quoted as stating "Israel must not only get out of [the] occupied territories. Even the seizure of Palestinian land is a criminal act. This must not only stop, it must be revoked. Otherwise peace will never be restored there." Paul Spiegel, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany said: "If one examines his words more closely, then his message is: Israel must vanish ... With these words, Grass places himself on a level with Israel's radical enemies." Spiegel is right. I never expected this from Grass. I doubt that very many Germans expected it either. I wonder what is going through the minds of the German literati.

OTHER STUFF

I hear from readers regularly asking about our daughter, Paloma, wishing her the best, wishing all of us the best, oftentimes in language that is wonderfully simple and graceful.

.Paloma has finished five month's internment now and she is doing very well. We visit her on Sundays for two hours. There was some strain between us at first, but now that is gone. It's plain to us that she is better off where she is than when she was at home with us. I never thought I would say that.

The place where she is, CRREAD – in English in would be Center for the Recuperation and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics and Drug Addicts – is the last place we would have thought of placing her. We asked everyone in town; teachers, shrinks, doctors, the police we had become acquainted with, neighbors, friends. Everyone warned us away from the place. I think now it was because CRREAD is so ramshackle, has such an air of poverty about it, that it was being judged by it appearance. But we were stuck. We had no money to put her in a real detox center, and then this place is in the hills only half an hour from where we live. We could keep our eye on things.

The Center at the end of a dirt road in a little gulch with a dry creek running through the center of the small courtyard. When we first took her there the female dormitory had only tweleve bunk beds but over thirty girls. Paloma had to share one bunk bed with a lady about thirty-five years old. No running water. The kitchen is a shed open to the elements. Water for bathing is heated by a wood fire under a fifty gallon drum in the small dirt courtyard. There are over a hundred men in the Center, stuffed into dark, crowded dormitories. At fifteen, Paloma is still the youngest internee.

The whole place is run by addicts and alcoholics, from the director on down, some of whom have recovered. There's not a professional in sight. The only treatment is the one you hear about at AA meetings in the States. One after the other the internees step up in front of his assembled companions, states his/her name, what he used to get him where he is, and then begins to tell his story. There is no other therapy. I believe it is very difficult for internees to not evade what is really at the bottom of their addiction.

Interning Paloma in CRREAD has proved to be the most intelligent guess we have made about life in the last three years. Paloma is doing just fine. It's as if she has turned full around. Irene and I are doing just fine too.

CRRIAD has provided four simple things for Paloma that we did not. She is absolutely separated from those who are using drugs now. Her day is structured from morning till night. She is closely supervised. And she has constant companionship. Sounds commonplace. It is. But I never needed any of that when I was a kid and I wasn't smart enough to see that she does. I see it now. I am reminded again of the note that Robert Faurisson wrote me a few months ago. It said: "No one (no one!) knows how to raise a child." Every time I recall Robert's note I am reminded of the mystery of personality, and of life.

Two Fridays ago I drove out to CRREAD to pick up Paloma for her fist visit to town. There would be an opening that night for an exhibition of photographs, she has some sleight interest in photography, and this would be her first time "out" except once when she had to see a doctor. When Paloma came out the narrow passageway with her little duffle bag and we walked down the dirt road toward the car everyone we passed asked in Spanish if she were leaving for good. "No, no," she had to say a dozen times. "It is only for the night." One man with a shovel called out after us: "Thank God that you are coming back. You are like the light of the sun for this place."

I don't know if she is the light of the sun for everyone at CRREAD, but she is for us. I think she will be home for Christmas.

I expect to reach you again before Christmas, but if something happens and I don't, I hope each one of you has a fine season, and that the New Year is better than the one that is ending, no matter that it might have been extraordinary for you. Although I'm erratic in expressing my gratitude for you support over the years, I am very grateful indeed.

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